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Homes Across the Seas

The Contribution of the Christian Home to Childhood

By MABEL YOUNG CAMPBELL, On Furlough, from Pasrur, India

THE homes of India are generally of a patriarchal type. The sons marry, bring home their wives to share either the one-roomed home or occupy one of a number of rooms which open upon the general walled courtyard. The father and mother, if living, otherwise the oldest brother and his wife, are the recognized heads of the family. Children grow up in this atmosphere, in a very close relationship with their little cousins; in fact the Punjabi language, which is so rich in terms denoting every shade of relationship, has no word for cousin. Brother and sister are the words used to describe this relationship, too.

Very often the grandmother in the home, who has had less opportunity for learning about better care of babies and children, is a real obstacle for she has little knowledge of new-fangled methods; her own childhood often dating back to a dark idolatrous day, and its attendant fatalistic attitude towards life and health. There is in our girls' schools and in the homes much teaching about sanitation, cleanliness and care of bodies. In fact our School Inspector who had spent a lifetime among Christian children, said that the third and fourth generations of children from Christian homes were definitely fairer in complexion than their parents and grandparents.

There are of course all kinds of homes but the average Christian home, in spite of abject poverty and the squalor of village life, is cleaner than others in a village. It was a Christian home in a certain area in our district which received the prize from the Deputy Commissioner, a Government Officer, for cleanliness and attractiveness. Another Christian woman received the second prize.

Sore eyes, skin diseases, neglected injuries often resulting in lifelong handicaps everywhere so prevalent in the villages years ago, are

fewer now. Not so often do we find a sleeping baby's face and eyes covered with masses of flies distributing infection and disease, for now a little mosquito netting canopy is used to protect the child. Of course infant mortality is still high for crowded living conditions, penetrating dust, lack of proper food for the newly weaned child, and insufficient clothing contribute to it. Nevertheless the upward trend in parental concern for the health and well-being of their children in Christian homes is a clear indication that "The Way of the Gospel" is a way of a higher and better life.

Christian fathers and mothers have a very different attitude toward little girls than do their non-Christian neighbors. It is not now considered a calamity when a baby girl is born. Formerly many of them were destroyed at birth or allowed to die from neglect. I remember two villages which had police guards assigned to them because there just were no babies there! Christian parents eagerly and lovingly bring their little girls and boys for baptism.

Although the parents, in such a large proportion of our Christian homes are illiterate, many of them year by year learn twelve new Bible Stories, and when the examination time arrives all dressed in their best, they come to recite and to listen. We are often thrilled, as are the parents, to hear the little ones hardly able to speak without a baby lisp telling story after story and reciting golden texts.

As a rule teachers in village schools are men. The pupils are boys. Girls are not in school because it has not been considered fitting or safe to send them. Government has long deplored this condition. Mission schools taught by Christian men are recognized by the people as different. Little girls from Christian and non-Christian homes join their brothers in the little school under the tree or on the mud verandah. And although many of them must carry with them to school a baby brother or sister they have shown that mentally they are not behind the boys, though for ages their intelligence has been rated by the men of the village as little more than that of cattle. A new advance has been an increasing number of Christian women teachers for little ones in village Mission Schools. Our boarding schools are often forced to limit the enrollment of girls although their fond parents clamor for their admission. The Christian community has largely been recruited from the lowest strata of India's caste society, yet from the homes of these same Christian people have come the great proportion of her literate women and girls, her teachers, nurses and intelligent mothers.

The ambition of these Indian families, who with a background of centuries of ignorance and oppression, in such poverty and hardship, have done so much for the education of their children, is a ringing challenge to us. Let us cooperate with them to make available educational opportunities for the thousands and thousands of boys and girls who as yet have none. From our schools will come those who will establish better and finer homes and make the sinews of a more glorious church of the future.

A Demonstration of a Christian Home

By MRS. PAUL J. SMITH, On Furlough From Nasir, The Sudan

OUR little orphanage at Nasir is the home of seven Nuer children —the oldest a boy of seventeen, the youngest a boy of four, the in-between ones, a boy and four girls ranging from nine to eleven years of age. Of course it is a Christian home. All their lives these children have known of Jesus and His love. They think in terms of Christian love and trust, rather than of pagan fear. They know many of the Bible stories. They have memorized many, many verses of Scripture. They go to church and Sabbath school. They take part in daily worship in the home. They are taught the Christian virtues.

The influence of this Christian home reaches out and touches very intimately the lives of twenty or thirty other Nuer girls, the members of what we call our Nasir Girls' Boarding School. These girls spend nine hours of the day at the mission, eat two meals there and spend the nights in their homes. These girls, too, are learning of Jesus. They, too, are learning many Bible verses and they go to church and Sabbath school and take part with the orphans in the late afternoon home prayers.

These girls along with the orphans are being taught many things. They learn that illness is not the result of a curse. They learn that clean hands, clean dishes, clean food, protected from flies, can save from much illness. These children all certainly know that the babies and little children who are vaccinated against smallpox will not be killed or blinded by that dreadful disease. And they know from experience that yaws can be absolutely healed with injections almost as soon as it appears. They learn that most kinds of fevers can be helped by medicines and that it is a good idea to go to bed when ill and stay there for awhile. In contact with this Christian orphan home they see these things actually being done.

So right here we see already the influence of a Christian home on childhood. These little girls think in terms of pagan fear because they

Children in training for home making. Miss Soule's family, Nasir, The Sudan.

come from pagan homes. But don't you think they will sooner come to think in terms of Christian love because of their contact with these Nuer orphan children with whom they play—children who have never known pagan fear? These little girls who come in from the Nuer homes to our school have not been taught many of the Christian virtues. Now our little orphans are very typical children, sometimes naughty and sometimes good, but they certainly do have the Christian virtues set before them as ideals and surely can help these other little children to better understand these ideals and to better live them.

Some of those who were girls in the school and helpers in the orphanage a few years ago now have homes of their own and babies of their own. We have been very happy to see some of these girls at times put into practice some of the rules of health and cleanliness that they learned in school. We have rather close contact with the mothers of some of the girls who are now in school. Sometimes we see that one or another of these mothers has really taken to heart a lesson that she has seen and heard as it was taught to the daughter. We have rejoiced to see young fathers, former pupils in our Boys' School, applying in their homes lessons learned in school. We are happy that some of these former school girls and boys bring their children to church or teach them Bible stories in the home.

We have no really Nuer Christian home as yet. We have a few Christian mothers. We have a few Christian fathers. But we have no really Christian home, such as we mean when we say Christian home. Some of our school girls who are about ready to go out into homes of their own should be better equipped to be Christian mothers. They have had a longer training. Some of them have been in close contact with the mission since early childhood. And if some of these Christian girls, well trained in the simple rules of health and cleanliness, girls who have in their close relationship with the orphanage seen how children should be trained—if some of these girls should become the wives of some of our young men similarly trained in the Boys' School, then we might have some really Christian homes. We look forward to such a day, when Nuer children brought up in Nuer homes will not think in terms of pagan fear. They will think in terms of Christian love and faith because they are children of Christian homes.

SAFE-GUARDING THE HOME

The late Amos R. Wells said in regard to the home: "The religious atmosphere of the home, its climate, as it were, the living there in love and the beauty of holiness, training in the Bible and family prayers, teaching the children to pray, and all that makes the home a house of God and a gate of heaven—such a home is the most effective way of bringing children to Christ and making them useful in the world. This is the business of parents."

What Makes a Home Christian?

By MISS JANE C. SMITH, R. N., On Furlough, from Cairo, Egypt

HOME! What is our first thought when we see that word? I can visualize many faces in Egypt to whom that word would bring no change of expression, it would have no meaning whatsoever.

It has been my privilege during the last month to attend a School of Missions at Cornell University. One series of lectures was on Rural Sociology and the various ways by which it has been influenced or changed by mission activities and contacts throughout the last century. One fact is universal: that for the propagation of the race, whether in China, India or Egypt, as soon as new life is begun we have the essence of the home. This may be ignored or unrecognized by the parties concerned, but is there nevertheless.

In non-Christian lands, we find social activities centered about the ruler of the clan, the strong one. In Islam, it may be the one who can claim the closest relationship to the Prophet Mohammed. Power is based on strength, physical s t r e n g t h, largely.

Christ said "I came that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." Surely t h i s "abundant life" means the expression or attainment of the highest possibilities, physical, mental and spiritual, of which man is capable. If we cultivate or educate the physical only what do we have? The cave man, gaining everything by force thinking only of his carnal appetites. Often we see this expressed in non-Christian homes. Activities center around the man because he is the strongest. His food is prepared and served first; the children run when they see him

Bath Day at the Center. Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., assisted by Miss Gomer, carries on a Child Welfare Center in Cairo. Here mothers are taught how to care for their children. A large number appear every day with children who need treatment of some kind. Thursday is "bath day" and the mothers are leaving with their babies as sweet and clean as soap and water and clean clothes can make them. No one goes away without hearing every day of Him who blessed little children.

approach. If the woman is not sure of his approval we see her resorting to various ways and means of subterfuge and trickery to obtain gold or goods; there may be times of apparent harmony and congeniality but suddenly all is turned into turmoil and fear because of the physical strength and desire of the master.

Let us see what we find where we have not only the physical but also the mental life developed. Here we find a much wider field of activity. The man wants to appear like his fellowmen. Modern science and invention have brought the world into such close contact that all classes are more or less influenced whether they admit it or not. Because it has been my privilege to see, not only Egypt where my work is, but parts of India, Burma, Malaya and various ports on my return home this past summer I was able to see evidences of this close world contact. I talked with educated Sikhs and Muslims along the way.. I saw schools and hospitals under government supervision; I saw great political demonstrations and strikes where the mob was controlled by the few leaders who had stepped out into this larger life, influenced by mental activity. Where were they all going? What were they all achieving?

Now what do we have where the spiritual man is the master? Let us look at a home where Christ is the head of the household. Let us confine ourselves to Egypt which has been my field of labor since 1922. My thoughts often dwell upon the first Christian home where I made my first Egyptian friends. When we met for dinner, father and mother sat at the table with the children and guests alike. After the recognition of the Heavenly Father in a reverent grace, all partook of the simple fare. Father assisted in the care of the children and helped mother in every possible way.

When on the street, father walked with mother, not several paces ahead as a non-Christian might do, fearful of his prestige. When callers came to the house mother need not cover her face and remain in the inner room but she sat with the guests and enjoyed the common fellowship.

When the children were old enough for school it was not the boys only who were given the chance for an education but all the girls had an equal chance. In marriage, father did not bargain to give his daughters to the highest bidder but through friendship and fellowship in the home the girls were helped and encouraged in their own choices. This home was not of the poorest nor of the wealthiest class but one which represents the middle group, as it were. The income was sufficient for the family's needs and for many little extras.

Without Christ or Christian influence we have little or no incentive to make the most of all our talents.

The Scripture verses which seem to strengthen and encourage us in our program for developing the Christian Home both here and abroad are: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52.

"And all that heard Him were astonished at his understanding and answers." Luke 2:47.

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Homes Old and New in The Sudan

By the REVEREND RIED F. SHIELDS, D.D., On Furlough From Khartum, The Sudan

THE towns of the North Sudan look very inhospitable, for the houses are built behind high, bare walls whose gates are always closed against the entrance of strangers and the curious gaze of any passer-by. This is an unfortunate introduction which a visitor gets to a land whose simple, kindly people are friendly and generous as the world's poor usually are. Even when the door opens to admit one to the family within that enclosure, he will not likely find refreshment or cheer. The greeting will be profuse. The entertainment will be the best that the family can provide and will be generously given. But at its best, Sudanese domestic life will retain, to the Western visitor at least, that cheerless, repellent quality typified by the bare, mud walls which shut it in.

Not all houses are alike, for here in the towns of the North Sudan there are different levels of society. But rich (that is, rich in African estimation) or poor, the difference in menage is one of size, not one of quality or spirit. Except in the case of a few educated young men, the courtyard is entirely bare of trees or garden. The presence of domestic animals in the yard is not conducive to well-ordered housekeeping, though it is not as offensive as it sounds for in this warm climate they always remain outdoors. Everything indicates that methods of work and habits of life are still primitive, still on the level of several hundred years ago. Comfort—well, comfort is a comparative, not an absolute concept and can only be defined in terms of background. But the predominant characteristic of every Sudanese home, whether inside his enclosing wall a man has only one tiny mud house or a series of more pretentious ones, is the fact that it is arranged for a divided family life. It must be planned so that a man may separate himself from his wife (or wives) and children; so that he may entertain his visitors where his daughters and their mother will never be seen. In this part of the establishment will be found whatever meagre comforts the place possesses to be shared with the wife and children only when their lord and master pleases. The husband and father is approached with deference and some awe, and he is obeyed strictly—or else!

The high, mud walls of our Sudanese towns and villages do shut the visitor out in the cheerless, desert streets; but they also shut the people inside bleak and cheerless homes which one does not contemplate with any satisfaction.

A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND AND WIFE MAKE A CHRISTIAN HOME

But there are a few doors to which one's feet turn with anticipation. There is one in the street called the "street of the Asayata" in Omdurman. It is a gate of no distinction, let into a wall no more promising than all the others. However, it opens to a totally different aspect. Here no inside walls partition off the quarters of men and women nor mark the

boundaries of anybody's freedom. The house is adequate, though it is not pretentious. Its furniture and furnishings are modest and comfortable. It is clean and neat. Above these material things, there is the atmosphere of home.

The head of this household is a fine Christian man, the headmaster of our American Mission school for boys. His wife is also educated and before her marriage was a teacher in a Christian school for girls. Their marriage is a partnership. In their home and in their contacts with the world, they are equals and each moves only with consideration for the other. The wife shares in the control of the family budget. She is a very good cook. She is a capable seamstress and makes her own and her children's clothes. She keeps her children clean, did so even when they were little and played on the floor in a land where dust blows almost continuously. She presides over her home with dignity and entertains guests with quiet, cheerful hospitality. The children of this home are obedient and courteous.

This home has had some storms to weather. There has always been a problem of money—for in the Sudan as elsewhere Christian workers have small incomes and must live on a standard higher than others of their "bracket." Sickness has brought economic crises. And then there was the time when an unscrupulous male relative circulated malicious gossip about this young wife and tried by really diabolical schemes to make her appear unfaithful to her husband—in a land where woman's fidelity to her husband is never trusted. But the mutual trust in this Christian home was sufficient to foil these schemes and give the lie to the scandalous stories.

LIVING WITNESSES

Later when the wife was preparing a meal, the little pressure oil stove that is commonly used in the Nile Valley exploded and she was terribly burned in the face, neck and chest. Her condition was for a long time precarious and her recovery slow. When she was well again she was badly disfigured and was very sensitive about appearing outside her immediate family. Only her husband's patience and tact averted a real tragedy. Time has erased many of the physical scars of that burn, and the fulfillment of a vow she made to God to give one day each week to Bible Women's work in case she recovered has greatly enlarged her sympathies, has deepened her spirit and enriched her life within her home as well as in the community.

Shortly after the eldest son, a quiet handsome boy, entered the secondary school he suffered a nervous breakdown. This was a strain upon the family morale, but again that home proved to be built upon a foundation of quiet faith and courage.

Recent letters from Omdurman have reported the death by drowning of the third son, a boy of twelve. One missionary writes: "For a week hundreds of Moslem friends poured into the house to express their sorrow —in itself a token of the respect and affection these two (the parents) have won in the community. Few could have left without noticing some of the faith and trust enshrined in that home. Some days later a Moslem

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What Christ Has Meant to Three Generations of Christian Mothers

By An Egyptian Mother

I WAS graduated from P.M.I., Assiut, in 1904. We had a splendid opportunity to be trained in all subjects, but what I thank the Lord for from all my heart is, that I learned to know Christ. I feel very unworthy and undeserving but the Lord provided for me Christian parents and a school where I was taught about Christ. Repeatedly I say that the real value of the mission school is not in its teaching the secular subjects as Geography, History and Arithmetic. Perhaps other schools might excel in these subjects but that which helped me in my life, through great and varied difficulties is the teaching of Christ, Himself, who is all and in all in life.

I learned to put Christ first—above all. He alone is the source of salvation—"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In Christ I was able to know the Bible—to know it as the only law without fault for our faith and for our works—for it is written of God by his Holy Spirit.

Daily study in the Bible has preserved the covenant between husband and wife and has made for obedience on the part of the children toward us, their parents. It has promoted understanding between us and has helped the young in all of their temptations.

In Christ I was able to know what real service meant, which Christ himself showed so plainly by saying, "Verily the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." Service is the real crown of the woman, nay rather it is her perfect decoration, and a symbol of her pride and glory.

As a mother, in Christ I have learned the meaning of sacrifice and by His strength and help, my life's ship has gone along happily for thirty-four years. In times of calamities and bereavements Christ has helped me and led me. And now in these days when wars and strife surround us there rings in my ears the words of the Master which were spoken to the church in Philadelphia . . . "hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." When I feel weakness and lukewarmness coming on me I remember that He is able to do more than we ask of Him or can even think according to the power which worketh in us.

In Christ I have freedom—freedom of thought and deed, in life and in worship. In worship I was made free from evil customs and superstitions. I was freed from the temptations in the use of liquors. I thank God, that the enemy, liquor, has never entered my house to this day. I would not boast, it was His strength. I am indebted to my Master from whom I have had freedom and victory.

This voice comes from far away—from northern Africa—from Egypt. The owner of this voice is well

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The Contribution of the Christian Home to Church Leadership

By MRS. JAMES H. COLVIN, On Furlough, from Gujranwala, India

IN this study of the new and developing Christian homes in mission lands, my background of knowledge will be largely from the United Presbyterian area in the Punjab, India. There, since 1913, I have had the privilege of seeing Christian homes grow, both in number and in richness of grace.

Because of woman's importance to the Christian home, our church had as its aim that the education of the daughters of new converts, should keep pace with that of the sons. In the beginning, the training of the girls was almost entirely in boarding schools, where the children had the advantage of close contact with the lady missionaries. The result has been that these girls have for many years, been showing the fruit of their training in their own Christian homes and have taken a marked place in the leadership of the church. The innate prejudice of the Indian against female education was overcome first of all in the Christian home. Slowly but with increasing success the American women persuaded Christian parents to give their little daughters into their keeping for ten months each year. The results in parental, village, and church pride in these daughters soon provided further impetus. When these girls became mothers of daughters old enough for school, the missionaries no longer needed to seek for pupils for the boarding schools. In addition to this, thousands of Christian children have had primary education in their own towns and villages because many of their mothers and fathers were teachers in day schools. This tells you that the missions early provided high schools and teachers' training schools. At the head of the educational plan are the degree colleges, Gordon College in Rawalpindi for our boys, and Kinnaird College in Lahore for girls. In our province of the Punjab it has been possible for many years to receive a complete education for Christian leadership.

Christian homes have provided the children to be trained for work in the church. The pastors and their wives are at the head of those who desire that their children be trained for church leadership. In the early days of the mission it was the pastor who helped the missionary persuade his ignorant and backward people that their children should be sent to school. It was the pastor again, together with the Christian teacher, who first considered it an advantage to have a wife who could read. They now see the improvement in homes, when a larger number of parents are literate, as well as Christian. The pastor's home, where almost without exception Christian education is planned for both girls and boys, has become the ideal high standard for the whole village.

Much has been put into the making of these Christian homes that they in turn may produce leaders for the church. Selfless workers helped the potential home-makers in the

schools to grow and develop in the likeness of Christ. There were long years of house to house visits, strengthening in times of temptation, comforting in times of sorrow, encouraging to greater endeavors in Christian living. The upward path has not been easy and there have been failures. The failures have clearly pointed the need to have Christ as ruler of every member in the home.

Home training in tithing has contributed much to the making of leaders. In the early days of the church many new converts learned to tithe by having an earthen jar for the Lord's portion of meal, which is measured by handfuls at each baking. Their children in the boarding schools learned by the same natural method. Each member of the family should contribute an offering of service and of substance. The small silver piece should be divided into pennies for the whole family and not given by the father alone. In India, tithing is closely associated with the highest church leadership. It is learned best in the home.

There is special teaching for the wives of the students in the theological seminary. First of all they must be ready to tell about Christ the Savior and have the Word stored in their minds and hearts. Their homes have the opportunity to witness before the whole village. They must be truly Christian in order to influence others to live together in free and unselfish relationships, each responsible for and seeking the other's good.

The Christian ideal is, that as individuals and as families we practise the presence of the living God. Then such family life will flow out in the lives of the children, who take their turn in the leadership of the church and in service for their neighbors in the practical problems of everyday life. Christ is the light and provides the shining ray for the portal of each home.

HOMES OLD AND NEW IN THE SUDAN

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leader came to the headmaster. "Please may I ask you some questions about your religion?" "Yes," replied the headmaster, "but let us not talk about the mystery of the Incarnation or of the Trinity. Soon you would have me floundering in knots of logic. Rather let me tell you what Jesus means to me in my daily life."

The Sudanese neighbors, as well as the Western friends, appreciate the beauty, peace and joy which dwell in that Christian home behind the gate on the street of the Asayata. Its witness is immeasurable to the love of Christ Who, in a printed placard which hangs in the living room is proclaimed the Head of that house.

The Contribution of the Christian Home to The Church

By MRS. W. B. JAMISON, On Furlough, from Tanta, Egypt

ALTHOUGH the church is made up of individuals, God, in the beginning, established the family, and it is largely through the Christian home and family that the church does its work. Then what is a Christian family? It is a group, live where it may, of which Christ is the head. Father, mother, and children are so controlled and guided by Him that the growth of the church becomes their one aim. It matters not the color of the skin nor the language spoken, but it does matter how the members of the family meet the daily round of work, play, and worship. There may be neighbors who cannot read a word but they are reading the Gospel according to the Christian homes in the neighborhood. The growth of the church comes most consistently from the children of just such families. If father, mother, and children are present in the Sabbath School and the preaching services, if family worship is conducted daily, if giving to the Lord is a part of the act of worship, that home will be a bulwark of the church. When the children arrive at the age of discretion, they want to be taken into the membership of the church in order to share its privileges and responsibilities with their parents.

DIFFICULTIES

Now all of this is ideal in a home where the parents are educated and are able to provide for their children an atmosphere of Christian living, but what of the homes in lands where Christ is not exalted? There comes to mind a group of Christians in the village of S—. This little congregation was organized about thirty years ago in the midst of Islam. A simple church was built and a pastor called. Elders were elected from the best material available. Everything went well for a time but the church didn't grow. Its leaders allowed their interest in worldly things, such as land and crops, to become predominant in their thinking. The pastor didn't get his salary so he had to hunt a church where he could make a living. The children of those Christian homes ran wild in the streets because there was no church school, or were sent to Muslim schools. The sons of one of the elders evaded their responsibilities by blaming the Mission for giving them no school. They failed to keep the vows taken when their children were baptized. Today, the hour of the morning service sees but two or three men, a handful of women, and a few children gathered for worship. That church is dead. Where the parents are illiterate, where there is no mission or church school, where every surrounding tends to drag down, the growth of the church is difficult, if it grows at all.

ENCOURAGEMENT

On the other hand, there is much to encourage the pastors and missionaries in the centers where parents are educated and are putting forth effort for the growth of the church. In house-to-house visitation, the ques-

tion of family worship always receives attention. Sometimes there is indifference where we least expect it, but in many of the homes we find family prayers a part of the daily routine. The parents may not be highly educated and they may have only moderate means but they are wont to commit themselves and their children to the Lord's keeping before the day's work is begun. Mothers who have become interested in the Bible through the efforts of some Bible woman, delight to retell the stories to their children even to the committing of long passages. It is from such homes that the church gets its faithful attendants.

FAMILY WORSHIP

One congregation that has come very much under our observation has been making an especial drive for family worship. Since there is no stated pastor, the elders, with the evangelistic missionary of the city, have made a house-to-house canvass of the congregation. To all families who will fall in line with the plan of continuing family prayers or inaugurating the same for a given length of time, there will be presented a very attractive certificate. This undertaking looks to more than the growth of the church for it provides daily that atmosphere in which other members of the family can be reached by Christ. Also it means a special blessing for any stranger who may be "within the gates" for a time. This last is no small matter in Egypt, for the Egyptians are very hospitable. Indeed no people in all the world are more hospitable than our Egyptian friends.

CHILDREN ADDED TO THE CHURCH

In a number of well organized congregations, seldom is the Lord's Supper observed without the addition to membership through the children of the church families. Only yesterday there came a letter from Egypt saying that two children from one Christian family and four from another had been received into the membership of an active congregation. One Sabbath morning, not long ago, the grandson of a dear old elder was to be publicly received into the church. Although this boy does not get to Sabbath School his Christian teaching had not been neglected. The elders remarked that seldom did they receive any one who had a clearer knowledge of what it means to accept Christ as a personal Savior. On this special morning, not only the boy's immediate family, but most of his relatives, were present. The whole atmosphere was charged with joyous expectancy. When the boy had taken his vows, the old grandfather, with tears of joy, made a speech to the congregation advising parents and children of their duty to the church and to God. At the close of the service all of the boy's family kissed him and then kissed each other. It was a great day!

Not always do the parents bring in the children. Often it is the children who bring in the parents. One little girl in a certain home came into the Mission school and was led to Christ. Before long she had brought two brothers and a sister into the membership of the church. Several years elapsed. Then one day the father and

mother stood up together and publicly professed their Lord and Savior. In that home there is now united effort of parents and children for the growth of the Kingdom through the church.

Little do many of us realize the difficulties under which a church must grow in a non-Christian land. It faces continual opposition and persecution, and, in time, will go down unless parents are faithful to train their children in the homes, reading and praying with and for them, and going with them to the services of worship. Great is the responsibility resting on Christian parents. How seriously this is felt by some who perform the rite of baptism! The thoughtful and prayerful servant of God sometimes has an experience of fearsomeness when he administers the rite. The questions to parents seem to involve so much. A short time ago a large Egyptian audience heard the vows read in Arabic and heard the parents answer "Naam"—yes. If the parents experienced what the man in the pulpit did, then growth for the church is assured.

As we, in Christian America, pray for the young church in Egypt, may we have very definitely in mind the problems of her families. May we pray that the parents be given a vision of their responsibility to their children and their God, and that they may be obedient to the vision.

WHAT CHRIST HAS MEANT TO THREE GENERATIONS OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

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aware of the kindness and goodness of the honored lady missionaries. At the head of all these stands the honored lady, Miss McKown, who in her time taught my mother, who never ceased to honor her memory and to remember her love to the very end of her life. Then came my turn and I give great credit to Miss Ruth Work and then came my daughters' turn. They have all been educated under the guidance of Miss Helen Martin. Now the turn of the fourth generation has come.

As I mentioned in the beginning of my article I am not interested in education only. I am interested in a Christian Education. My first and last purpose in life is, to know Christ and to follow Him, for He is our example.

THE HOUSE BLESSING

"The beauty of the house is order."

"The blessing of the house is contentment."

"The glory of the house is hospitality."

"The crown of the house is godliness."

Church and Community---Some B. I. H. Homes

By MRS. F. A. WHITFIELD, On Furlough From Gujranwala, India

IT is difficult for me to imagine just what life on our compound would be like were not all the homes on it Christian. They are very simple ones with none of the conveniences which we in America know, but they are genuine. From the older ones established by some of the famine orphans, for which the Boys' Industrial Home was originally founded, down to the newer ones of the younger members of the teaching staff; from the ones whose heads have had special opportunity for education to those of the less privileged servant class; they are alike in the fundamental interests bound up in a Christian home. Ambitious though each family is for those within its own circle, yet there is never lacking a quick sympathy eager to lend a helping hand to others in times of sickness or sorrow. For the most part they are loyal to the Indian Church and undertake a personal share in its support.

The ideal back of the Boys' Industrial Home is that, with the equipment of a self-respecting trade, its graduates—many of whom have come from the poorest of homes—shall be able not only to support their own families but also to help in the self-support program of the Indian Church. I believe that that ideal is being realized on our compound.

There is the home of Master Mohan Lal and Nathi. Mohan is one of the original orphans who has been

Students in the Boys' Industrial Home, Gujranwala, India, having their daily Bible lesson under Mr. Hugh Milne. This Bible teaching is a part of the training of these young men. As they become expert mechanics they also become, in large measure, good citizens and Christians.

with the B. I. H., in various capacities, since its beginning forty years ago. Nathi is a veritable "Mother in Israel," who can always be depended upon as a neighbour and in the women's work of the church. Her mother was one of Miss Emma Dean Anderson's girls. Nathi received splendid Christian training which she has endeavored to pass on to her children. Through careful economy and self-denial these parents have been able to educate their children. All have not yet finished school but for some years now their older daughter has been a teacher in our Girls' School at Sangla Hill. Nazir, their oldest son, is a promising young instructor in the B. I. H.

Then there are the homes of our younger men—teachers now in the institution in which they were trained. It is an inspiration to see these young fathers bringing their families to church,—and to watch the little ones' faces as they drop their small coins into the offering basket. The mothers are not behind the fathers in ambition for their children and in devotion to their homes. In some cases they have had a nurse's training before their marriage. That is being a very real help to them.

One of these young mothers was particularly courageous last winter in looking after the home while her husband went two hundred miles away to a new job. She sent cheery messages to encourage him in his loneliness and waited patiently until, with the coming of Spring, he could come for her and their four small children—one a wee babe born during his absence. There in the hill station of Dharamsala their definitely Christian home, with its family altar, is as a light in the midst of their Hindu and Mohammedan neighbors.

A typical group of wives of students of the B.I.H. Here they are baking their native bread in the mud oven. These young woman have a different kind of training from that of their husbands, but they too are taught. Together these trained young people are enriching their communities by demonstrating Christian Homes.

Anayat and Sakeena are not afraid to be known as Christians.

Only a few of the B. I. H. graduates can be employed by the school. The others are scattered throughout our entire Mission field and beyond. In Rawalpindi live William Magar Das, our former automobile mechanics' foreman, and his wife Elizabeth —the adopted daughter of Dr. Maria White. In Sialkot lives another graduate who came as a Mohammedan convert to us from one of the Scotch Mission schools. Upon graduation from the B. I. H., Ibrahim married Shanti, one of the teachers in our Gujranwala Girls' School. Those of you who have seen the B. I. H. movie films may remember seeing them on their wedding day. I doubt not that these two homes are exerting influence for good in their communities.

There is one B. I. H. graduate whom we like to think of as almost a foreign missionary. About five years ago, a request came from the Church Missionary Society (British) in Karachi for an instructor to start a carpentry class for Christian boys. Now Karachi is on the sea coast about nine hundred miles from Gujranwala and to go there meant as definite a break with home ties as it means for us when we leave our homes in America. It meant going, not across an ocean, but across a desert and, though the language used there in the school is the same as that used in the Punjab, it meant mingling with a people whose vernacular speech and customs were very different. The call was presented, however, to Diwan Chand, a very earnest young man already settled as a teacher in the B. I. H. He heard it as one from God. He and his wife responded courageously and have been greatly used in Karachi. They have never lost contact, however, with their own community and regularly send back a generous contribution to the Synod's Home Mission work. It was our privilege to be their guests just before we sailed last March. Had we been close relatives we could not have been more warmly welcomed.

As I think over these homes I realize how much of their worth is dependent upon the Christian training the parents received in their early years. I ask your prayers that in all our schools—whether technical or not—character training, based on the Bible, may be the dominant aim. We know that not all of our B. I. H. graduates establish such homes as I have described, but we pray that to an increasing degree they may be the rule. Only so can the maintenance of the Boys' Industrial Home be justified.

SIXTEEN-POINT PROGRAM

In South India 45,000 Christians have adopted a sixteen-point program. Brevity but pointedness characterizes these tenets: No illiteracy, no filth in or around the house, every Christian's clothes clean, cleansing of tobacco from personal and social habits, no expensive feasts, no liquor, no excessive interest charges, no debts contracted through marriage, all disputes settled out of court, a cooperative in every village, no recreation that cannot be taken in the name of the Lord Jesus, one-tenth of each one's income to the Church, caste remnants wiped out, family prayers in every home, punctuality stressed, salute everyone in a respectful Christian manner.

Literature For the Home

Excerpts from the Annual Report of Miss Clementina Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Missions Fields

POSSIBLY there is no better way in which we can strengthen the Christian home than to undergird it by providing Christian Literafor the young people.

"The power of the Christian magazine cannot be measured. A book is read and reread and then set aside, but to have a fresh messenger coming each month, presenting scientific, social and historical facts, health items, biographies of great men and women of their own and of other lands, stories and wholesome fun, brings inspiration and instruction, and helps to take away the feeling of isolation from the Christian youth in preponderatingly non-Christian community."

Christ Blessing Little Children.

The Interdenominational Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in in Mission Fields undertook its first task in China. *The Woman's Messenger*, edited by Miss Mary Liu," stands as the best women's periodical in China under Christian auspices . . . Madame Chiang Kai Chek so values the magazine that she, with her own brush, drew the title for the cover and signed her own name as the wife of the Generalissimo. *The Woman's Star* is suited to the humbler classes of women. *Happy Childhood* is the much valued magazine for children in China.

Korea has *Child Life*; Mexico has *The Missionary Torch*; Argentina *The Guide of the Home*; Chile, *Friend of Youth*.

In Japan no special magazine is printed but assistance is given to the Christian Literature Society. *Listen* is the little magazine printed in English and distributed among many missions and tribes in Africa.

The Treasure Chest in India is printed in English and reprinted in eight other languages. It "has been approved by the Educational Departments in four of the great provinces

of India and placed on the accepted reading list for high schools and libraries, a recognition unparallelled, as far as can be ascertained by any missionary publication."

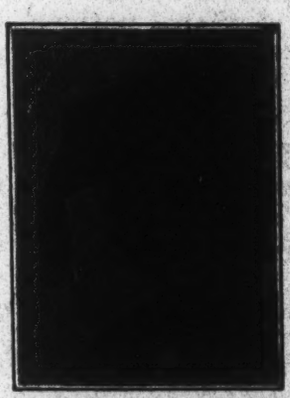
Cover Design of El Taliba. Note the "Learner," the Lotus flower and pyramid designs.

"It was with great joy two years ago that we answered the call which had been coming to us for ten years from Egypt, to give them a Christian magazine for the girlhood of the land. *El Taliba, The Learner,* carried in its first number the picture of the young King Faruq and his lovely bride. The largest number of readers for *El Taliba* is the body of secondary school girls.

"A member of the Blue Triangle Council said: "I hope that *El Taliba* will go on prospering and live forever, for it is so good for Arabic-speaking girls'."

A committee of which Mrs. C. C. Adams is chairman and on which Dr. Helen Martin serves is responsible for issuing this magazine. The editor is Miss Minerva Abeid, a graduate of the Cairo College for Girls, a short sketch of whom appeared in the February issue of this magazine, (page 326).

Another service rendered by the Literature Committee is that of providing pictures at a very, very small cost, that may soon adorn the walls



Miss Minerva Abeid, Editor of El Taliba.

of village homes. "Ten lovely Christian pictures, size 10x15 inches are being printed in India . . . Over one hundred thousand copies have been sold in four years since the printing of the first of the series."

"In the hope of getting Christian pictures which will appeal to the Oriental eye, we offered awards widely in the Indian press. The first to receive such a prize was a lad who painted a picture of Christ blessing little children, and the tiny folks represent the ordinary group of an Indian village, probably much more like the Syrian children than our Western artists have represented. Much stir was made about this award; the whole school was gathered to see the lad receive the honor, and it should be noted that immediately he took out his tithe and gave it to the Lord's work."

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program Study on "Homes Across the Seas"

By (MRS. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for Year Beginning April, 1940: GREAT ASSURANCES.

MAY: ASSURANCE CONCERNING JESUS' HEALING POWER —John 9:25.

(At front of room hang a picture which shows Jesus healing some one or a picture of Jesus surrounded by children of many nations. Concerning each song suggested, use only first stanza and chorus).

Opening Song: Bible Songs Hymnal No. 108.

Story from Scripture: John 9.

Song: B. S. H. No. 132.

Scripture and Song: Mark 1:29-34; 2:1-12; 1:40-42; Matt. 11:2-5. (Follow each passage with B. S. H. Nos. 79, 75, 61, and 11 respectively).

Leader: Experience is an effective teacher. That which is learned from experience is usually well learned. The blind beggar knew that he was healed of his blindness, and that Jesus had healed him. He could not be robbed of that experience, nor argued out of his belief in its reality. There were some things about the man named Jesus which he did not know, but there was one thing which he did know and did know well—the healing power of Christ. He said, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." It was a great assurance of belief in Christ's healing power in the sphere of the physical. Christ also heals the hurts of sin and sorrow. Multitudes have had great assurance of Christ's healing power in the sphere of the spiritual, and have testified to it.

"Love touched my eyes—these eyes which once were blind,
And, lo! a glorious world revealed to view,
A world I ne'er had dreamed so fair to find.
I sang for gladness—all things were made new.

" 'Twas Love unstopped my ears, and every sound
Borne through the silence seemed a psalm of praise:
Bird-song, child-laughter—yet o'er all I found
Thy voice the music of my happy days.

"Love changed life's draught and made the water wine,
And through my languid senses seemed to flow
Some power enkindled by the fire divine,
Some inspiration I can ne'er forego.

"Love raised the dead to life—and nevermore
Can many waters quench the eternal flame.
Love opened wide the everlasting door,
And bade us enter, called by His name."

Duet: B. S. H. No. 274.

Leader: Personal experience of its power is convincing proof of the truth and power of the Christian religion. It has other proofs and evidences and exemplifications, one of which is the Christian home. The Christian religion has produced the holiest, the happiest, and the best homes in all the world. The Christian home, whether in a Christian or in a non-Christian land, is an effective evidence of the truth and power of Christianity.

Prayer: For the Christian homes in our foreign fields as they manifest the healing power of Christianity. (For suggestions, see 19 and 28 Days in the Prayer Cycle).

Closing Song: B. S. H. No. 83.

Miss Rosa McCullough's Ninetieth Birthday

By MRS. J. H. COLVIN, On Furlough, Parkville, Mo.

MISS McCullough's long period of service in Gujranwala, India, extended from November, 1879, to February, 1935. Then at the age of 85 she came home on regular furlough. She says that she has retired, but her prayers still serve India and she helps the local church by teaching a class of women in the Sabbath School.

We gathered on February 15 in the small church in Greenwood, Mo., to show her love and honor on her birthday. Her neighbors who affectionately call her "Miss Rose," filled one section of the church. The pastors and the missionary societies from our two churches in Kansas City were there. The Whitfields drove from Manhattan, Kansas, and the Colvins from Parkville, Mo. In Gujranwala both families had been her neighbors and were happy to be with her for another birthday. Miss Rose Shereda was also present from the mission family.

Miss McCullough looked very sweet in an Indian "sari," the costume of the women to whom she carried the Gospel message for more than fifty years. Mr. Colvin said that when he was taking her to the platform and everyone rose, she expressed embarrassment at being the center of attraction. Five of the missionary group wore Punjabi costumes and there were Indian draperies to add color to the scene. Her chair was draped with a *phulkari* and was placed upon a brightly colored *Swat* rug.

First the children garlanded her with sweet peas while all sang "Happy Birthday." The ladies of the Kansas City, Kansas society, of which she is a member, brought a beautiful garland of freesias and violets. Miss McCullough joined in singing a verse of Psalm 24 in Punjabi.

Mr. Colvin called upon the Rev. Zion Robbins to read the beautiful and appropriate verses found in Romans 10:1-4, 11-15. The Rev. G. M. McKnight, D.D., led in prayer.

Miss Rosa McCullough who gave 55 years to India.

Interspersed with the greetings that followed there was informal conversation between the chairman and Miss McCullough, which brought out interesting facts about her mission life and work. A letter of congratulations from Doctor Glenn P. Reed, Secretary of the Foreign Board, was read and presented. The Women's Board members and many other friends sent letters and cards to her home.

Mrs. Harbison brought greetings from her class, with their testimony that the life of "Miss Rose" ad-

mirably expressed the Christian traits of endurance, forbearance, patience, and kindness. She introduced her mother, Mrs. Skiles, of Greenwood, and also Mrs. Sharpe, of Kansas City, who were little girls in "Miss Rose's" Sabbath School class from 1874 to 1876. Their families had come from Ohio and she was their first teacher in the new country.

Mrs. Rohrbach brought greetings and gifts as president of the Kansas City, Kansas society. Knowing Miss McCullough as a good correspondent, they included a box of stationery and also a stamp from each member. Mrs. Millis then sang, "Living For Jesus."

Mrs. McKnight closed the greetings from the Kansas City, Mo., society by reciting the poem, "Others."

Mrs. Colvin presented a nosegay of sweet peas with a "shower" of letters from distant friends.

The Greenwood friends served tea after the short program. Visitors were shown the heavy gold Kaisar-i-Hind medal which was presented to Miss McCullough by King George V for her outstanding public service. She had not known that her name had been recommended by the Gujranwala judge, and received the medal as a surprise after returning to America.

Mr. Whitfield took a reel of movies which we hope will be a success. A reporter from the *Kansas City Star* sought an interview and snapped a picture which appeared in the paper the next morning.

In reply to the birthday greetings Miss McCullough's characteristic words were:

"I do not deserve any praise or honor. I tried to do my duty and thank you in His name Whom I have tried to serve."

"UNSURPASSED ROMANCE"

. . . . Romance exceeding that of scientist,
Explorer or astronomer—they speak
Of women's ministry to womanhood—
Of miracles in hearts discovering God,
Of wonders prayer-wrought by the obscure and weak.

The church-sent woman gave a name to those
Whom ageless custom deemed not worth a name.
In spite of opposition's grenadier
They taught a Father's love, they healed the sick,
They championed children's right to health and play,
They brought the joy of books, and music's cheer.

The daughters of this small peninsula
Possess today what cannot be destroyed—
They know a strength sufficient for each need,
Peace not of earth. . . . .

Catherine Baker of Ewha College, Korea, in *Fifty Years of Light*. Quoted in *World Outlook*.

The Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies

By MRS. HARRIET S. BOOBYER

THE Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies has just closed its tenth year of "unique service to the citizens and thousands of winter tourists in Florida." A team of eleven speakers, "World Christian Statesmen," from five continents have just toured sixteen cities of the state, speaking in churches, and Sabbath Schools, in schools and colleges, in forums and clubs and over the radio as well as daily in three sessions of the Assemblies. Each city is made "missionary conscious" and the messages reach out into circles not ordinarily touched.

The theme this year, "A Christian in a World of Tension," was surely timely and the need of Christianizing the modern world in this day of the "new paganism" was brought home in full force. No person could sit through the sessions without having China, Korea, Japan, India, Africa, South America, the Christians of warring Europe, militarism and the World Jew laid upon his heart. The issues presented were so sobering and overwhelming as are those which concern us in our own country, that we needed the strengthening and encouraging of our souls that came to us from the inspirational messages.

Such challenges as these (and many, many others) were given us:

"Hate can be a gun; greed, a cannon; spite a pistol." "The Christian's weapons are faith, hope, charity."—*Bishop Robert MacCowan.*

"The United States has within its borders, five million Jews. Three out of the four largest Jewish cities in the world are here." "Eight hundred different societies are propagandizing the American public against the Jews." — *Dr. Conrad Hoffman.*

"The members of the Protestant Church are probably the worst offenders when it comes to exercising the first privileges of Democracy—registering and voting. We cannot be expressed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ if we are derelict in our responsibility as citizens." — *Rev. Robert W. Searle.*

"The missionary call is inescapable. If being a missionary is the mission of the few, *Missions* is the responsibility of the many." "Only five dollars out of every hundred given for all church activities goes to the foreign field." "Missions in the last analysis is devotion to service for the Lord Jesus Christ."—*Rev. C. Darby Fulton.*

Back of all the speeches we heard the thundering of guns and the "tumult of the nations" and realized a bit of the agony of refugees and the plight of the Jew, felt the need of Christian international relationships with all people and a deep longing for peace, but paramount was the fact that faith in Jesus Christ and all that that implies in giving that message to a needy world, was the abiding strength and support of "The Christian in a World of Tensions."

Concerning the Author---Miss Davida Finney

WHEN one rises to the distinction of authorship the desire of the reading public to know more of the personal life of the author is inevitable. True to form, readers of *Tomorrow's Egypt* have been asking for just such information.

Davida Finney (pronounced Daveed'-a) was born in Mansura, Egypt, the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Thomas J. Finney who were early missionaries to that field.

After reaching High School age when she must come to America to complete her education, she made her home with an uncle, Dr. David A. McClenahan, for whom she is named. After graduation in 1909 at Westminster College with an A.B. degree she taught for two years in ungraded and High schools in Greeley, Colorado, and Manington, West Virginia.

She received her appointment to Egypt in 1914 and was prepared to sail when the outbreak of the World War detained her, along with others, until some time the following year.

Her assignments on the field have been largely and very successfully in educational work. Since 1924 she has superintended the Khayatt School and is greatly admired and loved by the Egyptian family that supports the school. Much interested in supplying good reading in Arabic for students and older Christian Egyptians and in the establishment of libraries in schools and churches, she has been a member of the Mission Literature Committee continuously since 1928, and this year has been relieved of the superintendency of the school so that she may have more time for literature work—not, however, severing connection with the school.

Years ago a friend wrote of her, "She is a great story-teller; she has charmed my smaller children by her Bible stories. That is a great gift—to hold children with realistic telling of stories." Undoubtedly this talent has contributed largely to her success in the educational field.

This land of her birth, in which the most of her life has been lived, is very dear to her. Slight of form and frail of body, she has given of her very life in the writing of *Tomorrow's Egypt,* her sole and expressed purpose being that we, too, might come to know, understand, love, and work for, her beloved Egypt in this day of its awakening.

Mrs. A. J. Randles.

TOMORROW'S EGYPT

Another word about Miss Finney's splendid book, *Tomorrow's Egypt.* This book has been warmly received throughout the church, because it is a timely study in a changing time. It is a condensed, comprehensive, charming chronicle of the people, the land, the political situation, and an understanding and sympathetic presentation of the great work of the evangelical church in Egypt. This is a book for the library, a book to be passed on to other generations. Though only a few copies of the first printing remain, a copy may still be had from the Literature Department.

—*Editor.*

Beginnings of the Training School for Bible Women

As Told To MISS MINNEHAHA FINNEY, By DR. S. G. HART

A good sized book might be written on the "beginnings" of every Mission agency in Egypt.

This story deals with some beginnings made towards the better training of Bible Women, the name given to teachers of adult women in their homes, the New Testament and Bible being the text book. This form of mission work has been much used and with great profit, for generally speaking, a very small percentage of Egyptian women know how to read and understand God's Word.

I asked Dr. S. G. Hart to tell me the story of these beginnings for it was Mrs. Hart, who so splendidly undertook, at their own expense, this piece of pioneer work. Here follows his narrative:

"In 1900 we, the Harts, were appointed to Zagazig, a large town in the Delta, the ancient Land of Goshen. At that time in Zagazig there was a small school for boys, also one for girls with ten enrolled, but it soon faded out before education for girls could be called an accomplished fact. Finally, a few girls were 'collected,' literally so, as Mrs. Hart had to go from house to house and convince the parents that girls really could learn if given a chance. The school for girls was started again in a small way, and by the time we moved into our new building several years later, there was quite a nucleus for a good school.

"There were no Bible Women at work when we went to Zagazig in 1900. As soon as possible, Mrs. Hart looked for suitable Bible Women but there were many difficulties in the way of finding them. It was also hard to find teachers for the School for Girls, since Zagazig was on the side lines of the railway and in those days, women teachers and Bible Women hesitated to go so far away from such centers as Cairo and Assiut.

"Another difficulty was to find a suitable place in which the young women workers could live safely. Finally, we rented the second and third stories of the house across the street from where we were living. In each story there were two apartments; in one of these we put the teachers of the Girls' School and in the other, the two Bible Women whom we had found. In the meantime we ourselves left the house in which we had been living and occupied the apartment on the upper floor. This was a great advantage as Mrs. Hart had all her women workers where she felt they were safe, and where she could spend time in helping them, such as having early morning prayers with her 'girls.'

"By this time, Mrs. Hart decided that the best way to get efficient women workers would be to take in young girls, teach them and train them for the work. She found several little girls in the village school for boys in Mit Yaish, and Hehia and other nearby villages. These she brought into Zagazig and as the two Bible Women were not using all the space in their apartment, she tucked them into the corners. The Bible Women helped to mother the little

girls who were away from home for the first time, and they helped the Bible Women with the house work and cooking. Thus the problem was solved.

"Another problem, the providing of food and clothing for the girls and their tuition in the school where they would go till they would graduate, had to be solved. Mrs. Hart called this project her 'venture of faith' so she paid their tuition in whole or in part, not wishing to burden others with any of the expense.

"The two Bible Women and the girls ate together, we paying the necessary allowance for the girls' food. It took close figuring to make ends meet, but Blind Bista, one of the Bible Women, was splendidly efficient in buying and in concocting nourishing food.

"As to their clothing, Mrs. Hart was very skillful with her scissors and needle, so she cut up some of her own out-moded clothing and fitted them on the girls. Some of the other missionary ladies, seeing the need, donated things they could spare. Sometimes new cloth was bought as the need required. As long as Mrs. Hart had charge of this work, she never received financial help from the Mission budget for carrying it on, but every need was met.

"Along with their work in the kitchen and in the school the girls were early taught the use of the needle and the crochet hook so that before long they were able to assist in making their own clothes, trimming them with nice hand-made lace. On the whole, they presented a better appearance than the majority of the girls in the school.

"When the Mission Building in Zagazig was erected several years later, a special apartment was built on the roof for the girls and the Bible Women, consisting of a large dining room and living room combined, which served as a study hall in the evening, a kitchen and bath-room, and two large bed-rooms. Thus again they were within speaking distance of Mrs. Hart who spent quite a little time with them, teaching them, directing their spiritual growth, and instructing them in their household duties.

"In due time the older girls grew up and finished school, graduating with good grades and high honors. One thing that disappointed Mrs. Hart was that most of the girls were more inclined to become teachers in schools than to undertake the work of Bible Women. This was because the teaching of adult women was more difficult than the teaching of children, and also because it did not have the same prestige. With tears and much prayer Mrs. Hart faithfully presented the great need for well educated, well trained and consecrated Bible Women which led some of her girls to take up that work voluntarily. It always is a surprise to some people in Egypt that a girl who has graduated should take up this work of a Bible Woman, for custom has dictated that this type of work should be done only by some one not well enough educated to become a teacher.

"Mrs. Hart was very careful of her 'girls,' as she loved to call them, not only in preparing them for a work of great usefulness, but in actual work of teaching the women in their homes. She never sent a girl into a home without first going herself to

see if it were a fit place to send a girl, for many of the homes in Egypt would not be fit places to send a young girl. The older and more experienced Bible Women were given the task of finding new houses and then beginning the work of teaching in them themselves.

"The influence of Mrs. Hart's venture of faith still goes on. One of her girls who at first undertook to mother and train the smaller girls, Sitta Bista, is still at work, as a Bible Woman. One of the first graduates is Miss Mariam Saleeb, the efficient Bible Teacher and Evangelist among the women in Tanta Hospital, who is also much used in the 'follow-up' work among the patients after they leave the Hospital. Another, Miss Ageeya Hanna, became a Head Teacher in an important school for girls and now is the wife of one of the pastors of a Cairo church, a power for good in her husband's congregation."

Dr. Hart's well-told story ends here. We would continue it by saying that all of Mrs. Hart's girls rise up and call her blessed as they fill places of greater or less importance. Mrs. Hart's work still goes on through these girls and many others like them. We rejoice in the work of this first little "Training School" for Bible Women which can definitely be called the "Beginning" of greater things along this line.

Mrs. Hart's successful experiment inspired the Missionary Association* in Egypt to ask the Women's Board for the necessary funds toward regularly establishing and equipping an institution for the training of Egyptian young women in Evangelistic work among their Egyptian sisters. Tanta, in the "Heart of the Delta," was chosen as the best location. New World Movement funds came to hand at the exact time of financial need to make the institution a reality.

Our earnest, willing-hearted Women's Board, backed up by the Women's General Missionary Society, have given of their best towards the support of this institution where many worthy young women have been and are being trained to carry the Gospel message of salvation to the many towns and villages up and down the Valley of the Nile, in an ardent effort to bring in the Kingdom of our Master and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*This is not quite the whole story. It was Miss Minnehaha Finney who saw the need and the possibilities of a Special Training School where High School graduates could have a three-year course in Bible study; it was she who opened up her own house to take in the first girls who came and it was she who conducted this until a specially trained Bible Teacher, Miss Laura Wright, was secured to develop the school.—Editor.

GIVING

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."—Luke 6:38

A gift
Bears with it just
A bit of one's own soul:
And if it be
A gift
Of friendship, or, of love,
It brings real riches back
Again:
That is,
The bit of soul it takes
Away from you,
It gives
In fullest measure thrice
Again
To you.

L. W. Sifferd, D.D.

Forgotten Arabic Books Found in Denver Library

The following news item from a Denver paper is of interest to us now as we have been studying "Tomorrow's Egypt."

FROM dust covered boxes in the attic of Denver public library, where they had lain unnoticed for 35 years, a collection of 50 Arabic books has recently been discovered and soon will occupy an honored place in the library.

"It was almost by accident the rare and valuable collection, together with four pieces of ancient Arabic and Egyptian stone carvings, was rediscovered, Miss May Wiggington explained.

"A few days ago Dr. Charles D. Matthews, director of libraries and professor of religion at Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama, called on his tour of the nation's libraries.

"A routine question, regarding the local library's Arabic section, recalled to Miss Wiggington the boxes of books, which for more than a quarter century had been unclassified for lack of translation.

" 'The moment I opened the first book, I realized that Denver had a valuable collection,' said Dr. Matthews. Dr. Matthews is one of the nation's leading authorities on Oriental and religious subjects.

"Book plates in many of the books bore the name of the former owner, the Reverend John Lansing.

"Reverend Mr. Lansing was the son of Dr. Gulian Lansing, a pioneer United Presbyterian missionary to Egypt, who was a scholar, author and counsellor to the Khedive. Rev. John Lansing, as a young man, attended Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, and later Union College, N. Y. He became a Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., of Arabic, Latin, Greek and Assyrian as well as of modern Latin tongues.

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"In addition to the books, several manuscripts were found in the collection. One is a portion of an Arabic commentary on the Book of Revelation, probably used by an early missionary. * * * One of the first Bibles printed in Arabic and a copy of a book, whose translation is "Pangs for the Complainer and Tears for the Weeper for Love."

From a subway leading from the Library to City Hall, a janitor retrieved a marble slab which had been discarded. This, Dr. Matthews said, was a dedicatory inscription to a fountain set up about 1525. The other carved objects included an alabaster burial vase and a statuet of a hawk. These have not been classified according to age but very definitely are " 'quite ancient'."

Additional Material for Study of Homes Across the Sea

There are valuable helps in the reports and findings of recent conferences: *The World Mission of the Church*, being a report of the Madras Conference; the Report of the Annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference at Swarthmore, Pa.; the report of the Detroit Conference on *Education for Home and Family Life*, (a short report of this meeting appeared in our December Magazine, Page 215); and *Christian Home Making*, a book by several writers. All of these may be ordered from the Literature Department, 905 Publication Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. A series of excellent papers on "Home and Family Life Education," may be had from the Agricultural Missions Foundation, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A FEW EXTRACTS FROM THE SWARTHMORE FINDINGS ON THE HOME

"We would call attention of mission boards to the value of the Christion Home as a basic source of effective evangelism and we would recommend that the boards bring to the attention of their missionaries the valuable literature and methods that have been developed."

"The church and the home have vital need of the other. The home is seriously threatened by current movements in the economic, social, and political life of mankind. The Christian home is the finest product of Christian life, and if the church is to flourish it must protect the home and teach the young its supreme importance."

"That the church throughout the world be urged to include as a vital part of its task the upbuilding and safeguarding of the Christian home. The church should enrich the life of the home by working, through its agencies to give Christ the central place therein."

"That a fresh study of, and instruction in family worship, adapted to these times, should be made. Such family worship to be centered in the Bible."

"That the encouragement and stimulation of missionary education in the home be emphasized."

"That church workers, clerical and lay, and the wives of workers receive special training in this field and that the church provide adequate courses in the field of home and family life in all schools, theological and other. It should see that church leaders where possible take specialized courses now provided in certain schools and colleges in these subjects."

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Good News from Far Countries

India

MRS. R. R. STEWART, Editor, Rawalpindi, India

HELPING INDIAN MOTHERS

By MISS MARGARET FEHLMAN,
Zafarwal, India

In the midst of a village service a woman came with a baby on her hip and a pathetic little girl of six years. They settled themselves in the semi-circle of women and children sitting on the ground. The little girl sat listless, wide-eyed, and tight-lipped. She made so little movement and seemed so uninterested in life that I wondered if she were deaf or if she had not the right use of her mind. Soon the baby bothered her and she was annoyed. In a weak voice she asked her mother to keep the baby away. I realized then that she must be suffering much pain. After the service I asked the mother about the child. She said Alice had been sick for four months and all the remedies anyone in the village could suggest had been tried but she was no better. She said Alice was always hungry and I noticed that her stomach was very much distended. I told the mother she should take the child to Sialkot hospital. The village was only a few miles from Zafarwal so I told her to come to Zafarwal within three days and I would give her the money to go the twenty-seven miles to Sialkot. The parents were quite poor and I knew that unless I helped they probably would not go. At first the mother said she could not go until a week later. But we discovered that her reason was that she wished to attend the wedding of a distant relative. The pastor persuaded her that it was more important to take this child to the hospital. On the third day the mother and Alice came and I sent them off with railway and tonga fare and the amount of the entrance fee.

I was surprised that in a few days the mother returned to take care of the family in the village and left Alice alone at the hospital for treatment. The report came back that Alice had bronchitis, pin worms, and diabetes. Any one of these would be bad without having three diseases at once. Several weeks later the pastor was at the hospital and went to see Alice. Recognizing him, she ran to him and said, "Take me up in your arms." Then she told him she was much better and was happy at the hospital.

After three months Alice is very much better but still has a pathetic look. Her mother has been in to see her but she seems content to stay when her mother leaves. She had become so well that the insulin treatments had been discontinued. Then she found where the sugar was kept among the supplies in the kitchen of the children's ward and helped herself when no one was looking and the treatment had to begin again. Now she is asking that we come to take her home in the car when she is well and give her a book so she can learn to read.

Some time after Alice had gone to the hospital, the pastor told me of another child who needed hospital treatment and asked if I would help him. Rahmat is a boy of ten years who had infantile paralysis two years ago. His legs would not straighten out and he could not walk. The pastor said the parents were quite poor, so I gave enough money to get them to the hospital. Rahmat had one year in school before this affliction came and is quite bright and can recite the Bible stories he has learned in the village.

We are hoping that braces can be made for him so that he will be able to walk. After three weeks the mother wanted to take Rahmat home to care for the younger children while the parents and older brothers worked in the harvest fields. With much difficulty she was persuaded to leave the child; otherwise the treatment already given would have been useless.

There are many such cases in the villages, but it is not always easy to persuade parents to take their children to the hospital and Christian parents are usually too poor to pay for the food and medicine and care that the hospital gives.

What will happen to Alice and Rahmat when they go back to the village? It is very difficult for an Indian mother to refuse her child anything, especially when that child is sick. Will Alice's trouble return because her mother is not careful with her diet? If braces are secured for Rahmat will his parents see that he takes proper care of them? What will happen to the children who never get to the hospital for treatment?

A THIRTEEN-CENT OPERATION

By MISS DORA B. WHITELY, Pasrur, India

Do I hear you saying "Not much of an operation"? Maybe I can show you that it was at least a very delicate operation, and from the standpoint of the one operated upon, also a very big operation.

Last fall one of the best and nicest girls of our Eighth class did not return to school. We were told that being an only daughter it was necessary for her to stay with her mother who was blind from cataract on both eyes. Much prayer was offered that Hakim Bibi be able in some way or other to return to school.

One day when making a motor trip from Badomalhi to Pasrur we came through Hakim Bibi's village. But she was not at home. She had taken her blind mother to an Eye Clinic for the operation! They hoped that the cataract was "ripe" and that the operation would be successful.

Since that Eye Clinic was in a village not much out of our way, we went to it. We not only wanted to encourage the girl to return to school as quickly as possible, but we also had an important paper which required her signature if she was to appear in the final examination in the spring.

What a sight we saw when we reached that village! A small brick building set in the middle of a plot of ground of perhaps half an acre; a number of small trees here and there that were playing the part of a Ward, as there were beds galore under each one, thus giving the patients a bit of protection from the cold at night; a few small tents that were sheltering other patients; and many other beds right out in the open taking whatever came, day or night. Altogether about one hundred beds scattered around there! The doctor is a Mohammedan. He had been there only a very few months, and had done several hundred cataract operatons, besides other work, for he is working in a Government Dispensary. His fame had spread for eye work, so the crowds were there taking advantage of his skill.

We soon found our girl and her mother, having a bit of protection under a small tree. The mother's eyes were bandaged, and after ten days when the bandage was opened it would be known whether or not the operation was successful. Every patient has to have some relative to care for him and to cook his food. I knew from the way our girl was dressed that she realized the importance of being modest and well-behaved in such a place. Most of the people were non-Christian men and women.

We visited a bit, secured the girl's

signature, had prayer with them, and came home. In a very short time Hakim Bibi returned to school, and gave us the good news that her mother could now see! Hakim Bibi left her with an aunt who would care for her until able to do her own work in her home.

One day when talking with Hakim Bibi about their Hospital experience I said "Does the doctor charge for the eye operation?" She said "Only thirteen cents." Don't you think it was worth it?

Egypt

MRS EWING M. BAILEY, Editor, Minia, Egypt

LITTLE HOME MAKERS PUT ON A PLAY

By MRS. RUTH LOBAUGH WALKER

The closing dav of Daily Vacation Bible School at The Fowler Orphanage gave a great deal of pleasure to the guests gathered to hear their program and to see the exhibits of handwork produced by the children during the four week's term. Miss Marie Attalla was in charge and was assisted by Miss Rashida Faheem and Miss Elaine Abd el-Massieh, all three of whom have been a part of the Institution for a number of years and who last year were students at Pressly Memorial Institute at Assiut. The forty smaller children took part in the exercises which showed the skill of their teachers as well as the aptness of the pupils. Choruses and dialogues in both English and Arabic, games and short plays entertained us. An original interpretation of the story of Moses was the high spot of the entertainment and a short summary is presented below.

The first scene is laid in the home of Moses where his mother is gently rocking her small son as the sister looks on. A guest is announced and she enters, weary and foot sore with her long journey. She tells them that she has had no water to drink for three days and we are reminded of how important a part water plays in this valley of the Nile. Miriam hastens to bring water and food to their guest and binds up her wounded feet while she tells the news she has brought. An order has gone out that all the small sons of the children of Israel are to be killed and she has come to warn them. They talk together for a time and as she takes her leave a group of little girls accompany her a part of the way, singing a farewell song asking God to be with her on her return journey.

The next scene is that of the mother saying farewell to her son as she

Fowler Orphanage, named for the two Quakers who raised money to establish it. This is a real "Faith Mission" dependent for support on voluntary gifts from the U. S. and Egypt. Miss Margaret Smith was the "Mother" for many years, followed by Miss Ella Barnes. Miss Anna Dinsmore, a "short term missionary," was the assistant. Miss Lucy Lightowler is now the "Mother." The Orphanage Family—not all shown in picture.

places him in the basket they have prepared for him. Both music and words of this song were written by Miss Attalla. Small Ruma was dressed in a long dress with a black shawl over her head and the doll in her arms took on the reality of a baby as she caressed him and yearned over him in the words of her farewell song.

Fee Heema, fee heema,
Nam ya habeebee,
Fee heema,

Under His care, under His care,
Sleep, my baby, under His care.

Have mercy upon him, O Lord.
O Merciful One, have mercy upon me.

Lighten the cares of my baby,
O Lord.

Tears came to the eyes of her audience as Ruma sang this little song in her plaintive voice and one was made to see just what it must have meant to a mother to entrust her child to the muddy waters of the Nile.

The last scene begins with the entrance of Pharaoh's daughter and her maids, walking and talking along the shores of the river. Pharaoh appears and inquires the reason for the sad countenance of his daughter, telling her that if it is within his power to restore the smile to her face he will give her great gifts. She replies that she is saddened by the weeping of the mothers among the Israelites as they mourn for their sons and begs her father to cancel his decree. In wrath he leaves her, saying that it is impossible for a king to change his decrees and he refuses her request. Sadly she continues her walk along the banks of the river and we see enacted the old story of the finding of Moses hidden away in the bulrushes and the offer of the young girl to fetch a nurse for the child. The little play ends with the exit of the mother, clasping her child to her in thankfulness for answered prayer.

Little "Ruma" who had the leading part in the Play.

What a debt we owe to the founders of the Fowler Orphanage, that they have given us the privilege of caring for more than two hundred little girls in the years since the beginning of the Institution. Some have gone out to be mothers in well-cared-for homes; others are teachers and nurses and Bible women scattered in cities and villages from Alexandria to Luxor; and today there are about fifty who are fed and clothed and taught within these walls upon one of which hangs the motto: "Jesus Never Fails."

The Sudan

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LIGHTING THE WAY HOME*

I had a nice thing happen to me not long ago. I had occasion to visit one of our fine Egyptian friends who was ill in Khartum Hospital. I lingered too long until dusk began, but I felt quite safe as I had a new light on my bicycle.

I was just well started on the return journey when the light went out. I kept on going. I told every policeman that I met just what he already knew, that I had no light. Finally I came up on the bridge and alighting told the policeman that I had no light and that I was not more than half-way home and what would they suggest! They chatted awhile, telling me about what the law said and the dangers of riding in the dark. I said "What can you do for me?" Finally they said I might go on.

All the time I was talking to the police there was a young black lad in front of me sitting on his wheel but resting on the side of the bridge. When I started riding he withdrew behind me but directed the strong rays of his battery light so that my wheel was in it the whole time. Thus he continued until he saw me safe home and at our gate.

To my knowledge I had never seen him before nor have I seen him since. He just listened quietly as I thanked him in the semi-darkness and then quickly rode on.

Wasn't that a most lovely act and so symbolic of what we are trying to do in a more vital way?

Frances Turk.

*From a personal letter.

HOW LONG

Over her crude little African hoe
She bends in her garden in burning heat;
Back may be breaking and hours move slow,
But her lips the ancient song repeat,—
An African song wrung from African soil,
Heartbreakingly, wrenchingly, longingly sad;
Burnt by the sun, broken by toil,
No hope or comfort in life to be had,
She sings her yearning, longing song,
Wistfully longing, too deep for tears.
The day full of suffering is long, so long,
So long the night of terror and fears.
And piercing like pain through the darkness and dread
That shroud her 'round in blackness of night,
Straining up to the skies overhead,
Her song of longing pleads for sight:
"We don't belong here always, always,
We're blooming out, growing up and out;
Our home is there—
There's something within us that doesn't belong here,
Something within that belongs—oh, where?
Belongs—oh, where?"

Woman's Missionary Friend.

The President's Page

"A SONG OF GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS"

"O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song,
Amid all His saints His praises prolong;
The praise of their Master His people shall sing,
And children of Zion rejoice in their King."

A melody in our hearts seems to furnish an accompaniment to all the day's busy tasks. Sometimes, in a lull of activities we are acutely concious of this song our hearts are singing; at other times it is muted, like the soft, far-away tones of a violin, and furnishes a background for all the things we do and say. And the song is this: "Ye serve the Lord Christ."

In these days so near the Easter season we read and talk much about Christ's last days with the twelve who were so dear to Him. He continued to impress upon their minds and hearts the precepts by which he would have them live. He had transformed their lives. A rough Galilean fisherman had become spokesman for the disciples. A tax-gatherer had become a business man for the Kingdom. During the years of His ministry, Christ had kept these men close to Him that they might receive His spirit, learn His methods, follow His example.

Now, the time of parting approaches. As He prepares them for the time when He will take one path, they another, He reminds them time after time of His love for them, and admonishes them to "love one another." Then, though they are to continue to "serve," He says to them, "Henceforth I call you not servants, but friends. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." In their hearts there must have been the same joy that there is in yours and mine,—because we are chosen friends who serve Him.

Each of these men had his own way of serving; each had his appointed place to fill. Andrew was the kind of man to whom a little boy could offer the five barley-loaves and two small fishes which loving hands had prepared for him. Both Andrew and the little lad were probably amazed at the use the Master could make of this small offering.

In our service to Him today there is work suited to our ability. Like the disciples, we must abide close to Him that we may know what He wants us to do. Sometimes we falter,—Peter did too, remember? But we must not fail,—Judas did that.

There is one service in which we may all unite, and it is most important of all. It may be entered into by, and is needful for, Convention officers, delegates, speakers, Convention hostesses,—and those who stay at home. "They also serve who only stand and wait,"—or kneel and consecrate! This service is prayer. It will bring us close to our Lord, and thus close to each other. With our hearts and our efforts thus united we shall accomplish what He wills.

Gladly then, our hearts swelling with the song of "Service" until its music fills the earth, we shall

"Go forth in His service and strong in His might
To conquer all evil and stand for the right."

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Paul E. Carson,
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Editorial

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A CALL TO PRAYER

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Realizing the urgency of the situation in this hour of crisis throughout the World and confessing the failure of the Church to have fully met its evangelistic responsibility hitherto, acknowledging our utter dependence upon God for the supply of His Holy Spirit in power for the consecration of both person and property to the task of World Evangelism, and recognizing the Divine origin and content of the Gospel message and the Divine Source of the commission to preach the Gospel to every creature, we would sound forth a Call To Prayer, addressed to the whole Church of Christ, but especially to the Churches in the United States and Canada, calling upon God's people to be instant in intercession:

That the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into His harvest,

(SILENT PRAYER)

That the Church, especially at home, be revived, and delivered from compromise with the World and with sin,

(SILENT PRAYER)

That the unity of the Church may find its expression in a greater unanimity in understanding and expounding the content of God's message as revealed in God's Word,

(SILENT PRAYER)

That God may grant to us all who ought to preach the Gospel "utterance in opening the mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel" (Eph. 6:19) and "that God may open unto us a door for the Word, and to speak the mystery of Christ . . . that we may make it manifest as we ought to speak" (Col. 4:3, 4) and

(SILENT PRAYER)

That in fulfillment of His promise God may pour out His Spirit in these latter days upon all flesh and turn multitudes to repent of sin and believe in the Saviour,

(SILENT PRAYER)

To this end, we pledge ourselves to make these supplications the burden of our personal prayer, and as we meet groups and other individuals to invite them to do the same.

THE INTERIM

Try as we may to visualize the lives of disciples during the time between Easter and Pentecost, it is impossible. And yet one thinks of how their minds must have been centered on their Lord—of the thrill of Easter morning, the wonder of it all, the glory of it, the triumph of the risen Christ. What did those men talk about during those days? Those men whom Jesus called, "that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach and to have power. . . ." Were they not saying, "Do you remember what He said about this?" "I must

ask Him more about what He expects us to do"? Certain it is that they were thinking of Him and talking about Him.

And the women—they had to be busy about the affairs of the household: women always must be so engaged with the endless sweeping and dusting, washing and ironing and cooking and sewing. No electric gadgets for those women to lighten labor, no water piped into the house, no refrigerators to keep food fresh from day to day, no sewing machines to make little garments for the growing children. No, their hands were busy but how their minds must have been flooded with memories. How grateful were "Joanna and Susanna and the many others who ministered unto Him of their substance." Their substance —that meant their money; they did not begrudge a single farthing that they had given to Jesus. And Mary Magdalene was glad she had followed Him so faithfully and Mary was overjoyed that she had given her most precious treasure to Him.

What did these women talk about when they got together in the back yard, on the street, at the party, down at the well as they gathered to get the daily supply of water for the family? Surely they forgot all about the depression—for they must have had one—all about the taxes, the rent, the house cleaning, the new gowns, the new hats, the latest entertainment and even the marital scandals in the neighborhood. All were so insignificant when one thought of Easter. Jesus must have been uppermost in their minds.

The curtain is drawn a few times. To the women at the tomb He said "Go tell." With the two walking by the way and talking of Him —remember they were talking of Him—he also walked and talked and went into their home. He will do the same today. He met a group in a prayer meeting and gave them a blessing. He will still bless those who take time to go to prayer meeting. He met a group by appointment on a mountain and gave them a commission to carry His message into all the world. We can overhear some of them saying "What's this going to cost?" If the Master answered He said, "your money and your life."

A prominent missionary reports that an educated Hindu, who had heard much of the Gospel, after listening to him speak of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost said: "If I believed what you say you believe I could talk of nothing else." Surely the disciples in those days between these two great events could talk of nothing else.

Is the church looking for a great blessing? The Pentecostal power came after the disciples had for many days walked and talked with Him and for other days tarried and prayed in an Upper Room.

What is the church talking about in this interim?

"CALLING ALL WOMEN"

Sitting in a waiting room of a bus or railway station one frequently hears a voice rising above the murmur of conversation, the din and bustle, the shouts and confusion of moving mankind: "Calling Mr. Blank!" "Calling Mr. Blank!"

There is a momentary hush: It sounded so like one's own name; a momentary paroxysm. Is anything wrong at home? Could anything

have happened to husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter? Then such relief. Some other person was called.

There is another voice amid confusion, amid revelry, amid pleasure seeking, amid idling: It is this: "Calling all Women!" "Calling all Women!" No mistaking this time; the voice is loud and clear, "Calling All Women!"

It is none other than the Lord Himself who is walking among the multitudes, calling along the highways, in crowded city streets, in quiet homes, but especially down the aisles of the church, "Calling All Women!" The voice repeats the words of the old prophet who called centuries ago: "Rise up ye women that are at ease; hear my voice ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. Tremble ye women that are at ease; be troubled ye careless." (Isa. 32:9, 11).

There is something wrong! This is a call of need, of sorrow, of sin—a call for the service of women and all women are needed to answer it.

Some are rich, some poor, some are home-keepers, some are professional, some are mothers, some are teachers, some are aged, some are young.

The women who never professed to love Christ can hardly be expected to hear His words but what of those women who have taken His name and have pledged their love and allegience to Him? Will they say "He is calling someone else." Do not mistake, the voice is clear and insistent. "Calling All Women!"

NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP YEAR

Copies of nearly all the missionary magazines published by various denominations in the United States and Canada and some from other countries come to the Editor's desk monthly.

Now one theme appears in all of them: "National Stewardship Year." We can well understand why church leaders, noting the falling contributions of Christian people should call the attention of the church to this great subject.

Later we shall be devoting a month to the study of Stewardship, but the thought runs through all the studies for the year. May we make this a real "Stewardship Year."

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HE LEADETH ME

In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.

Out of the sunshine warm, and soft, and bright,
Out of the sushine into darker night.
I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,

Only for this—I know He holds my hand.
So whether in green or desert land,
I trust, although I may not understand.

And by still water? No, not always so;
Oft-times the heavy tempests round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.

But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I."

Above the tempest wild I hear Him say,
"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day,
In every path of thine I lead the way."

So, whether on hilltops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys, where
The shadows lie—what matter? He is there.

And more than this: Where'er the pathway lead,
He gives me no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand, sufficient for my need.

So where He leads me I can safely go;
And in the blest hereafter I shall know
Why in His wisdom He hath led me so.

J. R. Miller.

OUR GIFTS TO CHRIST

Christians throughout the world have had their thoughts directed during the Easter season to the life and work of Jesus Christ.

His persecution, suffering, and death on the cross were not caused by any transgression of His. He gave His life a ransom for the sins of the world.

He died and was buried but the grave could not hold Him. The Easter message brings joy anew each year, for it reminds us that Jesus rose again from the dead.

Christians rejoice in the risen Savior and praise God for His wonderous gift. Have we expressed our gratitude by following His commission?" Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

We appreciate the blessing we received by Jesus giving His life on the cross for the sinful world but do we praise God continually for the gift? During the Thanksgiving season we recount the blessings of the year and express our gratitude but each day of the Christian's life should be a thanksgiving day.

One fourth of this year has passed. During this time have we daily expressed our gratitude to Him? If not begin now to find in the experiences of each day, reasons for expressing praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. He is ever mindful of us. What are we giving Him? While He was on earth we find

"Some gave Christ shelter, clothing, food,
And some the love that cheers;
One gave to Him—'twas all she could—
Her spikenard and her tears.

And one his fish and barley bread
Right joyfully did bring;
One gave a colt; some palm-leaves spread
That He might ride, a King.

One gave a seamless robe—how meet!
And one an upper room;
One gave the Lord a winding-sheet,
And one a new-made tomb.

And as His earthly life He led
In old Jerusalem,
He took gifts graciously, and said,
"The Lord hath need of them."

So still the Lord hath need of these;
The gifts that we can bring;
Our lives, our wealth, our services,
Are welcomed by our King.

The simplest gifts to Him are dear
Which friends to Him impart.
If but the giver is sincere
And gives them with his heart."

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

God gives time.
We should use it for Him.
Set apart a stated hour.
Let it be filled daily with prayer.
Be definite in your petitions.
Pray for the salvation of souls.
Pray for all workers.
Pray for all work.
Pray for enlarged contributions.
Pray for more liberal Thank Offerings.
Pray for the true spirit of giving.
Pray for those not interested in His work.
Pray for our 1940 Ingathering.
Pray the prayer that reaches heaven, the fervent prayer.

Watch for the answer!

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Girls' Circles

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AIMS—A.—A Circle or a Y. W. Society or both in every congregation.
B.—Support of Work of W.G.M.S. materially and spiritually.
C.—Payment in full of Y.W. Special Fund.
ASKINGS of Societies—Average of one dollar per member for those 20 years and over.
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YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL WORK

Permanent object—Support of G. B. S., Pasrur, India.
Annually decided object—Salaries of Miss Helen McLenahan, Matron of Girls' Dormitory, Frenchburg, Ky.; Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R.N., Superintendent of Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C.; Miss Mary F. Jamieson, San Francisco Presbyterial Missionary; Miss Mary Cole, Khartum North, The Sudan.

NEW LIFE

Another society in Chartiers Presbyterial has been organized just recently. It is Langeloth Community Girls' Circle, a teen age group with ten members. Wanda Steele is the president and Mrs. A. E. Hall the sponsor.

THAT Y. W. SPECIAL FUND

Although this will be read after this year's books are closed, it may serve as a reminder for the new year. You will discover that most societies put off sending in their special until about the close of the year. The first of February report for several years is here appended. Notice how far from the goal societies are at this time. The report three months from this time (February 1st report) should be $8,000.00. Will May 1st make us glad or sorry?

1930	$1,842.19
1931	1,835.60
1932	1,513.50
1933	1,296.00
1934	969.00
1935	1,111.00
1936	1,225.00
1937	1,248.00
1938	1,004.35
1939	804.00
1940	746.00

Will not societies that have been a wee bit neglectful of this responsibility—or, it seems so—will you not come to the help of this object very much earlier in the year? If it would be easier to make two payments, try this plan, but the help of every member of every society is solicited. Let us aim to make 1940 a banner year for Y. W. Special!

"FRONTIERS GONE!"

Pioneer days—who does not enjoy reading about them?—days concerned with the early settlers in the *new country;* days when "soldiers of fortune" hitched up their teams and moved slowly towards the setting sun. Many of their experiences sound exciting to the eager ears of the youth of today. Perhaps even a little envy may creep into the hearts of some, the plaint being that nothing interesting is left towards which to strive! Everything of moment has been accomplished! The frontiers have gone!

One of the press commentators, quoting Mr. Bruce Barton, recently declared that the "frontiers are not gone: that opportunities abound today;" yes, even as they did twenty-five, fifty, seventy-five years ago—maybe a century ago. He said that the "frontiers, like the Kingdom of

God, is within you. If America's horizontal frontiers are closed, our vertical horizons, the possibilities of lifting the whole standard of American life, have hardly begun to be explored." There is surely necessity for spiritual development.

Perhaps instead of mooning over the absence of the glamorous days long gone, or bemoaning the lack of the romantic today, or weeping over the thought of no more new worlds to conquer, we accept the challenge of present day frontiers, that of doing our part in helping to lift the standard of Christian life; of working to build up present day institutions for the benefit of mankind; of making such organizations as the church and missionary society vital in the lives of all who may be interested in others in an unselfish way.

What may be some of the frontiers which we as missionary minded people should be eager to reach and conquer? A few facts may be helpful:

1. Only 54 per cent of our congregations has a young women's society or a girls' circle. With 46 per cent of the congregations giving no opportunity for this development in the lives of the youth, is not a possible frontier before such communities?

2. That not more than one-third of our girls or young women of the church have enrolled in a missionary society is scarcely an encouraging fact. Does this suggest a frontier in service?

3. And a 50 per cent attendance at the monthly meeting might constitute another frontier—something to conquer.

4. Has any society reached the acme of perfection in furnishing worthwhile programs at the monthly meetings? Could this be another frontier?

5. How about the financial goal of your society? Does it remain static even though much information has come to increase the interest in the work of the WGMS? Might this be considered a frontier?

6. Are the most of your members "dumb" in the matter of making the society *intercessory in fact*? The Prayer Cycle is offered as an aid. The Prayer Group or Prayer Circle is a possibility. Here is opportunity to reach out to a frontier barely discernible in the distance.

Abraham Lincoln recognized that every generation has had or may have its "chance." In speaking of his exalted position as President of the United States, he said: "I happen, temporarily, to occupy this White House. I am a living witness that anyone of your children may come here as my father's child has. Through this free government which we have enjoyed, there is an open field and a fair chance for your industry, enterprise, and intelligence; that you may all have equal privileges in the race of life, with all its desirable human aspirations."

As Christians, our special frontier is to realize the coming in of the kingdom, to strengthen the church by becoming witnesses—a field open to all who will! There are frontiers still. Do they challenge us?

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

Have you missed seeing this heading in the past month or two? The reason is that societies have not been sharing their outstanding attainments with our readers. True, most programs are made early in the year, so have all but run their course. But could not many societies select some item for publication at least once or twice a year? This would not be considered as displaying your ego, but rather as permitting some other society to share in your triumphs—perhaps help it to be more successful.

An idea has come from apparently nowhere, yet it might be worth-

while. Would societies enjoy a column—under the above heading perhaps—but devoted to "a line of this and a line of that" from societies over the church—detached comments, yet interesting or instructive or both to some other society.

Will you not drop a card to the Department stating your desire in this matter?

SOCIETY PROGRAM

We are very happy to mention an early arrival among programs for the new year, 1940-1941. Mrs. D. E. Renshaw of the program committee in The Guild, 2nd Wilkinsburg, has graciously sent in the new year book of this society.

An "ideal" of the society is expressed thus: "What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other." A page is devoted to "items of interest," calling attention to the birthdays of their special missionaries, to the Prayer Circle, to the time for the treasurer to close the books and other items. The last one has to do with what constitutes membership in the society. Not a bad reminder!

The society is taking advantage of the work done by the committee on program building, the yearly program as found in the February number of the Missionary Magazine. It will also benefit from the discussions appearing in later issues of the Magazine, discussions on the assigned topics.

Some of the page quotations are:

"Be thou, in rebuking evil, conscious of thine own."—Whittier.

"As you learn—teach. As you get—give. As you receive—distribute."—Spurgeon.

"No man can appreciate the Fatherhood of God unless he loves the Brotherhood of Man."

The Guild will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its organization in March of 1941. Who can measure the good done in these years.

A RAINBOW TEA

The society reporting this plan was in need of some extra funds. Several weeks before time for the meeting, small bags of the colors of the rainbow were passed out to the church women. On the appointed day, a rainbow of wood, painted in these colors, was placed before the pulpit. A program of music and a talk by the president on God's promise through the rainbow of the Bible was given, each color given its proper significance. Now the little bags were brought forward, each color in its group, and laid at the foot of the rainbow. Light refreshments, tea and cookies, were served in the dining room, a pleasant conclusion to a profitable afternoon, profitable as to the contents of the bags, and the inspiration and fellowship enjoyed.

CONVENTION GOERS—ATTENTION!

Wanted!! One hundred delegates and visitors for the *special* train for Santa Ana, California, to leave *Chicago* on the evening of June 11, 1940! Your names and addresses desired at once. *No* 100—*no Special train!*

The train is to be *made up* at *Chicago*. New England and upper New York State delegates will find the New York Central line to Chicago a more direct route. Eastern delegates may use either the New York Central or Pennsylvania line to Chicago. *Coach* travel Pittsburgh to Chicago. To leave Pittsburgh at 8:40 A.M., E.S.T., June 11, 1940; to leave Chicago same day—evening.

Look for further plans in the May number of the Magazine.

Ida B. Little, Secretary of Transportation.

Girls' Circle Program

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HOME BUILDING OVERSEAS

INVITATION: A Round Table Conference studying "Home Building Overseas", with delegates from China, India, Rhodesia and Egypt will meet in American College for Girls, Cairo, Egypt. Date— Place.

PREPARATION: Chairman seated center back at long table; others at side facing audience. Chairman of Conference, Miriam Haggar, student of College.

DEVOTIONALS: Dr. Helen Martin, President of College. Suggested Scripture is Ps. 144:2-3, 15; Prov. 1:8.

OPENING TALK OF CHAIRMAN: We have met to talk over methods used and new plans for making Christianity more effective in our homes and churches. Christian workers have come to realize that if our church work is to progress our homes must be Christian—homes where God is known and revered. No other education is so vital to a child as his home: What he learns there makes a lasting impression either for good or for evil.

PAO LING, First Delegate from China: The National Committee for Religious Education in China has realized the need of Adult Religious Education. In far too many of our churches men members are greatly in excess of women, showing that many mothers and children have not been won. Men coming to the markets have heard the gospel story, while women in the homes have not been reached. Masses of the country people are illiterate and even in families where the boys and girls attend school, the mother and sometimes the older girls cannot read. These must be reached in the homes.

MAE CHEN, Second Delegate from China: I want to tell of a family I know, the Hsings. Mr. Hsing had long been a Christian but his wife was not interested. He was persuaded to hold a class in his own home. He used the text book, "What should be the attitude of Christian Parents toward their children"? Each lesson had a worship period with verses of Scripture to be learned at home. Mrs. Hsing soon began to learn to read.

Another thing that happened was that when their little son became irritable and sallow looking, a trained nurse came to show the mother how to clothe the child and how to feed him. Soon the child was well and strong. The mothers were taught discipline of children, need of sharing daily tasks, sanitation, neatness and proper foods.

Without telling her husband Mrs. Hsing went to the pastor and asked to be admitted into church membership. Then began family worship, a Christian observance of Christmas and a happy home.

HASSAN BIBI, Delegate from India: In India as everywhere, the success of the Christian Movement depends upon the progress of Christian homes. Ninety-three per cent of the India's Christians are rural and from these about 100,000 persons are being baptized every year. Everything for their development depends upon the teaching they receive. It will be a long slow process to develop real Christian homes among illiterate people; many wrong teachings must be overcome such as the inferior position given to women, the caste system, the fear of evil spirits. Christian schools from kindergartens to colleges with their helpful courses have done much for the homes but I once heard an Indian Christian say that of all the splendid contributions of missionaries the greatest was that of having and sharing their homes with

the non-Christians. We must have many such homes. "In many places the 'Christianizing the Home' campaign used in China is being tried. Scripture memory work has been a great asset in home building." (See *The Womens Missionary Magazine*, November, 1939, page 153; October, 1939, page 87).

TULANE, Delegate from Rhodesia: Our first classes for women aimed to teach such things as child care, cooking, sewing and housewifery. At first the women came leisurely, late, or often dropped out if it suited them. The interest was not good, so we decided to try a new plan, which has worked splendidly. A program covering five hours a week was worked out. Then it was announced that those interested in adult education should register the following morning. This was a new idea; they felt a new sense of importance, they were really students. They came promptly, paid a small admission fee, were given cards and their names placed on the school register.

Courses which had been arranged were explained: For instance in the Needlework Course beginning with simple stitches, in Course I, each one could advance as she was able regardless of the others; a promotion card would be given as each course was completed and a certificate at the completion of Course IV. They were assured that if they finished the whole course they would be able to do the family sewing and to become skilful on the sewing machine.

In cooking classes husbands were sometimes invited and were served samples of cookery and shown exhibits of the work done in other classes. This brought co-operation between husbands and wives. Parent classes were formed with the purpose of helping the family life.

I want to tell of the dedication of one of our church homes. A Christian by the name of Gibson Ndowe developed into a steward and then became a local preacher. When he was married he wanted to have his new home dedicated to God. Several hundred people gathered and were shown through the little house, which was tastefully decorated. The choir from the church sang several hymns. The missionary used these words in the dedication ceremony:

"We dedicate this home to the affections of the family circle and to friendly hospitality.

"We dedicate this home to courage, patience and self-control which make life cheerful and happy.

"We dedicate this home to the beautiful things in life which lead the soul to higher aims." After further ceremonies a sweet drink was served to the guests.

ESMET KAMEL the Egyptian Delegate: I could tell you much about what is being done to establish the Christian Home in Egypt, but I shall just give you some glimpses out of a new book—*Tomorrow's Egypt*, by Miss Davida Finney.

1. Statement of Miss Finney's Father, p. 145.

2. Course in Home Economics Khyatt School, pp. 150, 151.

3. Dr. Bailey's Model Village School, p. 153.

4. Clubs for Young People, p. 158.

5. Nurses' Training School, p. 170, Welfare Center, pp. 172-173.

CHAIRMAN: It has been fine to meet all of you and to exchange our plans and ways of working and we shall go home, realizing more than ever before that no matter where we live we serve the same living God who desires that all His people may have the more abundant life in their homes.

Close with a prayer for the Homes of the world.

Sing No. 184 B.S. Hymnal.

Field Secretary

"SNOWBOUND"

February was a great month for your Field Secretary in Chartiers presbytery. February, 1940, will be remembered. The "slack" in time was taken up into one whole day—an extra day to pray and love and work. Some will remember it because of the cold and snow—the men who shovelled it to get out of their homes and into their barns and other out buildings will remember it; the women who slid and skidded to a meeting in West Middletown will remember it; Mrs. Virgil Hutchison, President of Chartiers Presbyterial, who drove three hours one day in a furious storm to cover twenty-five miles will remember it; all of us who were "Snow-bound" for several days will remember it and all of us will. I hope, remember it in gratitude to God for care through a month of ice and snow and storm and blizzard and, for some, disaster. Looking back we don't wonder that the famous Groundhog, on the second day, took one shivering look at his pale shadow and scuttled back to bed—if he knew anything about what was coming!! But it was a great month—to think more of others and less of self, a month to give more of time and money that the work of Christ's Kingdom may go on, a month to witness, by word and work and conduct, to the effectiveness of Christ in our lives, a month to think more of Him who so loved us that He "Emptied Himself" of all that was rightly his to live in poverty, to die in shame—and to rise again in Glory—and who authoritatively said *"All power, in heaven and in earth, is given unto me: Go Ye Therefore."*

By the time you read this March will have gone, with its rain and its sunshine. Annual Teas will be over, annual reports will be in, new officers will have been elected, loose ends of all sorts will have been gathered up; we will have more time to consider our Missionary Fields and our missionaries at work—here at home, in this great needy *Mission Field of the United States*—down in Frenchburg —(What lesson shall we learn from the burning of our hospital there—perhaps a lesson of *Self Denial!*) and Ezel, Ky., out on the West Coast, in Pittsburgh, Langeloth and Westland, Pa. In Cranston, R. I., in Tennessee, in Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia, in Iowa and Oregon among the "First Americans."

We will have more time to think of our Missionaries away in our Far Fields—Egypt and India, the Sudan, and think of "Duncan Henry" in Ethiopia—alone! Pray that, if God wills it, Miss Marjorie Faught and Miss Ruth Nichol, whose hearts are there, may be permitted to return; pray that the link made there between God and Ethiopia may never be broken until Ethiopia is saved. Egypt, The Sudan and India are all too closely connected with the nations at war to be comfortable. Pray for them all—and for the peoples to whom we have, under God, sent them, and among whom they are teaching, preaching, and living Christ.

We will have more time for reading. Some of us make much of "The book of the month" club; it is great to belong to such a club and to have experts read and choose for us the best book for our reading. When in Beaver Valley presbytery in January, out in a beautiful little church, beautifully named, I found a new version of the "Book of the month" club. The book of that month was "Luke of the New Testament;" its author the famous Dr. Luke, a Greek physician. The book was highly recommended by experts and nearly a *hundred* men and women and young people were reading it and thoroughly enjoying it. I recommend the plan to you—a BOOK a MONTH from the most wonderful library in the world.

Sallie E. Dickey.

Home Missions

MRS. WM. COOK, Secretary, 1201 Sixth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.

CRANSTON, R. I.

A fine Christmas program was given which was enjoyed by both young and old. Miss Zucchi's father preached on "The Love of God." The older children presented "The Old, Old Story is True," showing time and science have not been able to down the truth, but rather have helped to prove the fact that the "Babe of Bethlehem" is indeed the Son of the Living and True God, and the Savior of the world. During all the stormy weather the daily Bible and handicraft classes were conducted, except for two days when the missionary was storm-stayed at home. The opposition and persecution which this mission has been receiving, has given it much publicity, and through it, a greater opportunity to witness for Him.

WESTLAND, PA.

During the past two months, five new members have been received into the Mission. A communicants' class, in preparation for the Easter Communion, is being planned.

The missionary conducted the funeral of an eight-month-old baby. The priest refused to do so, as the child had not been baptized, and the family being on relief, could not pay him.

EASTON, SAN FRANCISCO PRESBYTERY

During the past month twenty-six additional miles were canvassed, and one hundred and thirty-eight homes contacted, with one hundred and thirty personal calls. From these homes there are twenty-seven children not connected with any Sabbath School. A new family, of five members, are now coming to church. The five Valley Societies met in the Easton church. The speaker was a missionary who told of conditions in war-torn China.

LOS ANGELES PRESBYTERY

During February the missionary's time was given to four congregations. Calls were made on four hundred and nineteen families not members of any of our churches, but who live in the community surrounding one of these churches. Eleven conferences with workers were conducted, and four missionary addresses given.

SPOKANE PRESBYTERY

Ten talks were given in our own churches on "What the Lord is Doing in Egypt," a total audience of one hundred and eighty-three. This included two mission studies on *"Tomorrow's Egypt."* Six meetings of the "Girl's Mission Circle" were led. Attended nine prayer meetings and answered questions on our work abroad. In addition to the above, the missionary has attended the W. C. T. U. meeting and told of Mrs. Hoyman's work in Egypt, and what our mission is doing along temperance lines.

A Presbyterian group called for her and took her to a luncheon thirty-two miles distant, where sixty women were gathered to hear of our mission work in Egypt.

A Methodist District meeting rearranged its program, to make possible a message from Egypt, when it suited our missionary to be present. Following this talk the president asked: "Is what you have told of Egypt true of our own Muslim fields in Tripoli and Algiers?"

Then a meeting with a recently organized Congregational group. These groups totalled one hundred and eighty-four persons. The missionary adds—"I wonder if we have done as much as we should about letting the world know what Christ is doing over there?" Have we?

TAHOMA TERRACE, TACOMA, WASH.

The first Sabbath of the New Year, a class of eight girls who had been receiving special instruction, accepted Christ for the first time. "Pray that they may go all the way with Him and be kept for Jesus sake." A father of twelve children, who are in the Sabbath School, made a miniature wooden church and presented it to the Mission for the birthday offerings. As the pennies are dropped down the chimney, the tinkling of a bell is heard. The first to use it, was a dear old man, who dropped in his eighty-seven pennies as the children kept singing, over and over, their birthday song of good wishes.

FRENCHBURG, KENTUCKY

The severe winter weather appears to be a thing of the past. No frozen pipes for almost a month although the thermometer hovers around zero occasionally.

The emergency hospital, established in the second floor of the Girls' dormitory, has been occupied every day. We have had some severe cases of pneumonia, and thus far we have not lost a patient. At present we are threatened with an epidemic of chicken-pox among the dormitory students.

Friends throughout the church have been very thoughtful and generous in supplying the need of the institution and of individuals so far as loss from the Hospital fire is concerned. Once again we have demonstrated that Our God will supply all our needs. May we take this method of saying a public "Thank you," for all the gifts.

Philadelphia presbyterial has been especially generous in sending money and clothing to the hospital and to Mr. and Mrs. Hovermale. This presbyterial has long had a special care for the hospital and its superintendent and they are demonstrating their ability and willingness to take care of their responsibility in this emergency.

The church group has been enjoying stereopticon lectures on the "Life of Christ." Using the school stereopticon and film slides we are able to show the pictures at a minimum of cost. Thus far the offering has more than paid the expense.

Attendance at Sabbath School and church has slumped a bit this winter due to the extremely cold weather. One or two of the Sabbath mornings found us a bit uncomfortable in the church, despite sizzling steam radiators.

School activities go on from day to day with little variation. We were host to eight High School Debate teams in a tournament on February 22. Our debate team has traveled to six tournaments this season and has gained considerable experience and a few victories. The basketball team plays in the annual district tournament on March 1 and 2. They are already Conference champions and we have high hopes of winning district championship.

When this appears in print we will be having our spring vacation, with our workers enjoying short visits to their friends, or little side trips to neighboring cities.

H. Glenn Stephens, Supt.

CORRECTION

The size of sheets needed at Frenchburg for the temporary hospital is 63 x 99—instead of 36 x 99.

EZEL, KENTUCKY

March is coming in like "a lamb." At least that is the way it is beginning, and after two days in this month, we feel that at last winter is over. We have been having lots of rain and at this time of the year that means lots of mud. The side roads are very bad. One of our school busses has not been able to make all its

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Negro Missions

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Evangelistic meetings were held at Miller's Ferry, conducted the first week by Rev. D. R. White and the second week by Rev. J. H. Fisher, Jr., a former student. On account of the severe cold and storms, the general public was not able to attend; even the day students living at a distance were hindered from coming.

Eight professed faith in Christ, two united with our church. "We were disappointed with the attendance," reports Mr. White, "and yet more good may have been achieved than was evidenced. We know God's word does not return to Him void."

We were saddened by the passing of Mrs. William (Judge) Henderson, who with her husband was a staunch friend of our work, contributing property for our buildings at Miller's Ferry, and interested in all the activities there. Their hospitable home was always open to the committees that visited the mission. This hospitality, so freely extended, was much appreciated. To her two sons we extend our deepest sympathy.

CAMDEN ACADEMY

This month began with an increased attendance after the falling off in January on account of the unusually severe cold weather. In spite of the weather we had to dispense with school only one day. We are planning to make that up next Saturday. We did not have much illness on account of the cold and had only a few out of school on account of sickness.

We have had about twenty-five dollars worth of extra coal as a result of the long continued cold spell.

We have just finished two weeks of successful meetings. There were fifty converts. Our church will not receive all of these, as many of the students come from families connected with other churches in the community. When all of these young people united with the church we shall have one hundred per cent of our 370 students church members. The white ministers of the city preached for us the first week and an evangelist from Selma preached the second week.

Our Spring semester will be filled with various events. At the Easter time we shall present an Easter Pageant.

With the exception of the month of January, our attendance for the year has been the best in our history. We ask your prayers for continued success.

We are now in the midst of the celebration of Negro History. This is headed by the Negro History Class. The programs have been very encouraging portraying the development of the Negro race.

Here are a few notes from our Negro History Week:

"Because Negroes have advanced in education they have been able to acumulate wealth. Since they have become economically emancipated they have been able to operate over 22,000 business establishments, they have $206,000,000 worth of church property, and spend $43,000,000 annually to maintain the property; Negroes are members of twelve state legislatures, and Negro judges are on the bench in several states! Twenty-two Negroes have sat in the United States Congress. Thousands of Negroes have received undergraduate degrees, hundreds have received their Master's degrees, and over sixty have won the degree of Ph.D.; ninety-seven are in the "Who's Who in America" and one hundred have become members of the Phi Beta Kappa.

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Indian Missions

MRS. ARTHUR B. McBRIDE, Secretary, 847 Thorne St., Sewickley, Pa.

APRIL, 1940 INDIAN GRASS OR GEESE MOON, 1940 GREAT SUNS

Meet My Friend:
Elijah Miller

Elder Elijah Miller was ordained elder at Warm Springs, Oregon, under Rev. A. B. Dickie, on March 29, 1908. Thirty-one years of faithful service, service given to his Lord and our Church. He belongs to the Wasco tribe, is now over 80 years of age and still going strong. The one great burden of his heart is the fact that his people will not accept the "Good Words." Like Daniel of old, three times a day he goes upon his knees in prayer with the simple trusting faith in God that would put many a white Christian to shame. Even in the dead of night he crawls out of his bed and falls on his knees in prayer. Truly he is a man of God, and loved by all who know him. The Missionary has found him to be, in many instances, a great help and sustainer, and truly a brother in Christ.

E. W. Machamer

Elder Miller, Warm Springs, Oregon

THE FLIGHT TO BOONE

Soon after Christmas, Dr. Ira D. Nelson, Superintendent of the Sac and Fox Sanitorium, reported that Colleen and Melba Whitebreast, pictured in the January issue of *The Womens Missionary Magazine,* could be released from the Sanitorium at any time. We then arranged with their father, Horace Whitebreast, to go with us to take them to the Children's Home at Boone, Iowa, on Thursday, January 4th. Immediately the mild weather we had been enjoying ceased and severe winter weather set in. We hoped that by Thursday it would be mild again but not so. Considering that the children had been in the hospital it did not seem wise to take them on a seventy-five mile journey in zero weather. Saturday morning the temperature was below zero and we gave up going that week. Being busy inside during that Saturday forenoon we were not aware of any change outside, except to note that the sun was shining. As we sat down to lunch one of the family reported that the thermometer on the front porch read twenty-five degrees above zero.

Little time was spent at that meal. The decision was quickly made that this was the day to take those girls to Boone. Hurrying into the Reservation we found the father had gone to Tama. We followed him to town and with the help of an Indian friend soon had him located. Then to the Sanitorium to load Colleen and Melba into the car with their belongings which included ten dolls, all received

this Christmas. As we went through the Reservation we passed near the home of the children's aunt, Clara Young Bear Morgan. Colleen pointed to it and spoke to her father as though we ought to stop there. She looked rather serious when we passed by and out of the Reservation but interest in things along the road soon took her attention. We were over half way to Boone when the sun went behind clouds and the cold began to creep through our blankets. A little later a stop at a filling station confirmed our suspicions that the temperature was rapidly falling, but we did not mind for in another half hour we would be at our destination.

We were happily received at Boone. Pearl Bear took charge of Colleen and Melba at once. Just the week before when Pearl was home on vacation she had visited the girls at the Sanitorium and they remembered her. Colleen said to her, "Do you live here?" Pearl's affirmative answer seemed to satisfy her and we were able to leave with the assurance that the girls were content in their new home.

Fred C. Patterson.

WARM SPRINGS LADIES' AID

For two years the Ladies' Aid has been working busily during the winter months for the bazaar which was held the first week in November. Many useful articles, such as aprons, luncheon sets, tea towels, pot holders, dresser scarfs, pillow cases, etc., were made to be sold. Each woman made a batch of candy and furnished a cake, which was sold with a cup of coffee. The Girl Scouts made pop-corn and sold it.

With some of this money they had a table made and bought eight little chairs for the Beginners' Sabbath School Class. They also furnished the Christmas candy for our white children.

We appreciate the assistance these Ladies are giving the Mission and the interest they are showing in the Church.

They are already looking forward to another sale and working toward that end. However, there are several things which they could use if there are any who would desire to help them. Here is a list of articles needed: tape (all colors), unbleached muslin, ric rac, prints (3½ yd. lengths, or smaller), embroidery thread, yarn, cotton batts, Indian head linen, and flour sacks.

E. W. Machamer.

APRIL

INDIAN ARROWS

From the bow of Miss Nancy Wak Wak of Toppenish, Wash., a clever reporter for the local paper, come some interesting news-arrows:

At a home in White Swan, wedding procedures were carried on for a young Indian maiden who was to become Mrs. Lawrence So-Happy. (We hope she realizes the full significance of her new name!)

At a business meeting of the members and governing body of the Toppenish Longhouse, an important and long-talked-about subject was finally concluded. The question of the election of new chiefs every year was met and the decision was reached. The new ruling was that the three chiefs that were elected were to continue on with that honor until the end of their lives. The three men that were chosen as chiefs were: Chiefs Jobe Charley, Thomas K. Yallup and Wheeler Miller. (Our readers will recall Chief Jobe Charley's testimony at our McKinley Indian Mission).

We welcome into the fellowship of the W.G.M.S. a new Indian Missionary Society! The women of the McKinley Indian Mission met after Church on Sabbath, January 28, 1940, organized a society, and elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. Herb Corvell.

Vice President, Mrs. Edward J. Sam.

Secretary, Miss Nancy Wak Wak.

Treasurer, Miss Mary Zack.

Foreign Missions

MRS J. D. SANDS, Secretary, 5542 Hampton St., East Liberty Station, Pittsburgh, Pa

MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

MAY

Miss Mary M. Stevenson .....May 1
Miss Flora Jameson .....May 13
Miss Dora Mason .....May 16
Miss Lois D. Kingan .....May 23
Miss E. Verna Pillow .....May 27
Miss Margaret J. Work .....May 30

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN DANGER

O, Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise on land and sea.

William Whiting

EGYPT

There is a Census and Statistical Department in Egypt which has put out some illuminating figures on the cost of living there since the outbreak of the war. The figures show that foodstuffs cost from 40% to 66% higher; coal and kerosene were 45% to 49% higher and all articles of prime necessity had large increase in price asked. This will naturally affect our missionaries and the conduct of the work.

The recent death of an old Sudanese woman in Assiut recalls dark days of Slave trading, as the story is told by the *Egyptian Gazette.* Following Christian services in the Assiut College Chapel Sitt Assa Bilal was buried in the Anglo-American cemetery near Assiut. In the year 1871 a young Scottish couple, the Earl of Aberdeen* and his bride, while on their honeymoon trip on the Nile at Aswan had their first glimpse of the slave market, and in horror at the sight of four bright young black slaves for sale bought them and took them to Assiut, where they were given their freedom and were put in the care of Dr. John Hogg, who was in charge of the school, which later became Assiut College. In 1878 slavery became illegal in Egypt, but there were still some who sold slaves. One night the four freed black boys were on the street and heard their own native language spoken by three young girls in their early teens, and found they were to be sold as slaves. The boys with difficulty found means to rescue these black girls and took them to Miss McKown in the Pressly Memorial Institute, where they were educated and trained in the Christian life.

One of these girls was Sitt Assa, who was educated, speaking excellent English, who proved herself capable of assuming a place in cultured and refined society, not as a menial but as an equal. Her last days were spent as a patient in Assiut Hospital and she received her callers with the grace of indisposed royalty, and many of her callers were representatives of Assiut's leading families. One well known and highly respected mother said, as she left Sitt Assa's room, "In all the years I was a student in P. M. I. Sitt Assa had more influence over my life than any other person." Surely this was a life worth saving from slavery and sin and is a witness to the value of the Christian School, and the devotion of our own missionaries.

In view of the fact that some of our missionaries are anxious about getting a new kindergarten missionary to continue the work so well begun by Miss Ruth Williamson and

*See picture of Earl of Aberdeen and his bride, March magazine, p. 400.

Miss Dora Mason, it is interesting to know of the number of Egyptian girls who are trained kindergartners and carrying on in various places. There are two in Alexandria, six in Tanta, one in Benha, two in Cairo College, one in Cairo Orphanage, two in Minia, two in Khyatt and two in P. M. I., Assiut; two in Mansoura and one in Luxor, and several other places have partially trained teachers.

Miss Williamson spent some months, a few years ago, in the Sudan training a class of girls who are now teaching the little ones there how to play and work and to know of Jesus' love for little children—a good work well begun, but we need to pray for more laborers to sow the seed and gather the harvest.

SUDAN

We have had heavy tidings from Doleib Hill. Mrs. J. A. Heasty was taken seriously ill during the absence of Mr. Heasty, and was taken to a hospital in Khartum where she was operated on. She is making progress toward recovery, but it will be necessary for both Mr. and Mrs. Heasty to return to America as soon as possible. This will leave Miss Elsie Grove alone in the station unless Mr. and Mrs. Fleming or Mary Ewing can be placed there. These new missionaries have arrived in Khartum, but will have to put much time on the study of the language before they are able to do much work.

Miss Mary Coie of the Girls' Boarding School, Khartum North, has been having quite a long siege in the hospital in Khartum. She went for a slight operation, but had to stay quiet for several weeks. When it was about time for her to leave she took malaria and was very ill, but God has answered prayer and she is now on her way to recovery, recuperating in Miss McKnight's home.

Two of the babies adopted by the Khartum Girls' School have also been ill—Helen, with chicken pox and David, with some other child ailment. We pray that all these suffering ones may soon be well and strong.

INDIA

A bunch of Sialkot News Notes has just been received. These have been delayed for some reason, but all are interesting reading for the missionaries on furlough and those of us who are so interested in the work and workers—accounts of summer trips and vacations, of the beginning of work in the schools and hospitals, and the latest ones tell interesting stories of camping parties, going out into villages and preaching and teaching the Word of life to the needy people, some of whom were indifferent, but many of whom listened with interest and heard the word gladly.

Miss Peterson reports the work going well at the Bible school in Rawalpindi. There are many more applications for admission than can be granted. Miss Lois Boyd has again taken up Adult Educational work, and prayer is asked that there may be many who will join the school, and whose interest may continue until they are able to read God's Word and teach it to others.

Rev. J. H. Stewart of Pathankot has given much time in directing the building and encouraging the Christian Community in their efforts to build their new church in Gharota. This will be a memorial to Miss Sara Moore, who died in India a few years ago. Miss Henrietta Moore left a sum to this little Christian Community.

There were some real joyous occasions during the Christmas season, and returning missionaries were welcomed with joy by the people and missionaries, with garlands and songs and *jhandas* galore and some fine dinners.

The Sutherlands had a good time

in Landour, seeing their daughter. Grace, graduate and take honors again. She received the Woodstock pin for high scholarship and was getting ready for her Cambridge exams.

Another happy occasion was the celebration of twenty-five years of service of Miss Dora Whitely in the Pasrur School for girls. This is surely an unusual event, and Miss Whitely has not only the good wishes of her friends in India, but we in America congratulate her on this wonderful achievement, and pray that she may be granted many more years of fruitful service.

Some of India's missionaries now in America have had happy times in celebrating an unusual event—that of the nintieth birthday of Miss Rosa McCullough, who gave fifty-five years of devoted service to India, and was much loved by the people there, She was honored by the Government, King George V giving her the *Kaisar-i-Hind* Medal for valued service to India. The people of the town in which she worked a long time named the street on which she lived the McCullough Road in her honor.

Miss McCullough wrote to a friend, "Yes, my nintieth birthday was a very happy one. The Colvins and Whitfields and their children did a great deal to make it so. They dressed me in a black sari and they all dressed in Punjabi costumes and sang in Punjabi." Mr. Colvin led the exercises which were held in the little church near her home in Greenwood, Missouri. She is thankful to be so strong, and walked to the church on the Sabbath after the party for church service and Sabbath School, where she taught her class of women as usual. Miss Rose Shereda of Bennett, Wisconsin, who worked for some years with Miss McCullough in India, was present at the celebration, as were several groups of people from our churches and societies in Kansas City. We rejoice with Miss McCullough that she has been permitted to live so many years, and that she has lived so worthily. May the Lord bless her and grant her more years of peace and happiness.

HOME MISSIONS

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regular trips. The children have to meet it about two miles from the usual stopping place.

Last Thursday evening the Seniors presented their annual play to a large audience. The play, coached by Miss Lois Gordon, was entitled, "Lunatics at Large." It was a fine production and all present enjoyed the thrills and scares that go with a mystery play.

On February 23, Rev. W. B. McFarland took a car load of our Young People to Dayton, Ohio, to attend the Y. P. C. U. Banquet of First Ohio Presbytery. They report a splendid meeting and brought back a banner for having traveled the farthest to attend the banquet.

The attendance at our Sabbath Services is increasing. Mr. Ellis Ward, the Superintendent, has started a special drive to get everyone out for Church and Sabbath School. Each class has been given a goal and is working hard to meet it.

By this time all of the society and presidents will have received postal cards containing an appeal for used clothing. Our supply is exhausted and there remain about twelve weeks of school to say nothing of the summer months. The long cold winter has made clothing more in demand than ever and so our supply has not lasted long. We trust you will not forget about our need and if you have things that you no longer need we will have use for them. *Wm. A. Heagen,*
Superintendent.

Junior Department

MRS. W. R. McMUNN, Secretary, 302 Hastings Ave., Oakdale, Pa

THE JUNIOR RALLY ILLUSTRATED

By MRS. R. R. STEWART

TWO hundred seventeen for lunch! It was Mrs. Samuel's busy day all right.

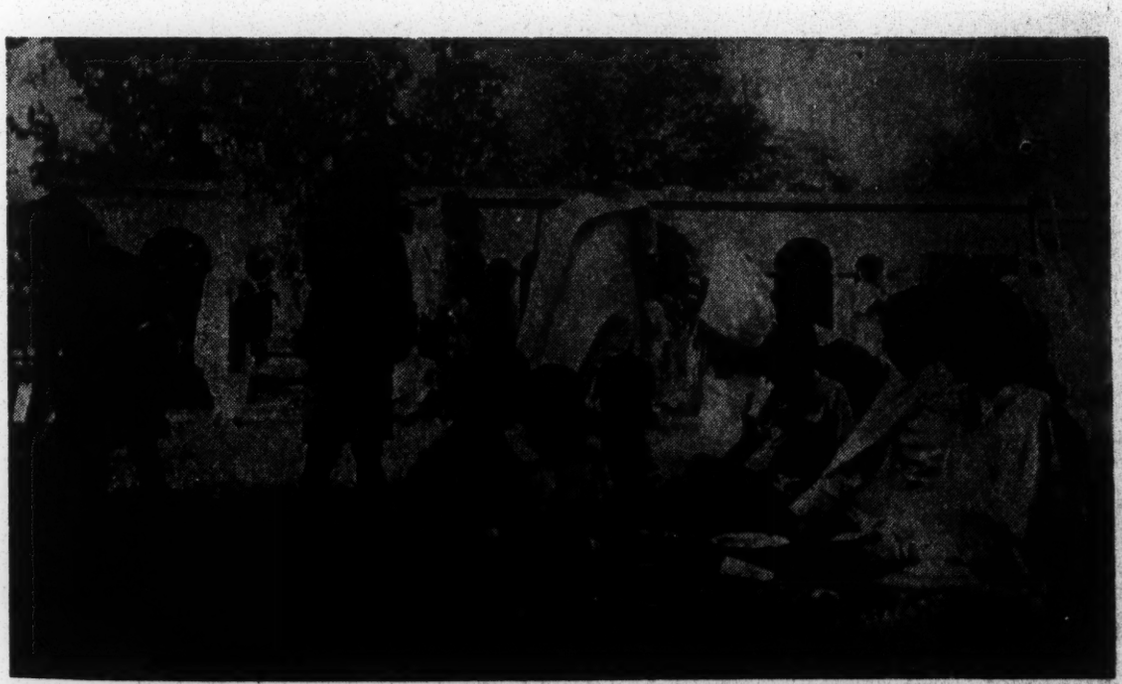
This year the Junior Rally of Rawalpindi Presbytery was held at Mrs. Samuel's house under the acacia or shittim trees (Exod. 25, 10). This is where Miss Moore lived last year. A big red and gold *Welcome* was stretched across the gate where the children entered. Those from the nearby villages came on foot; some came in one-horse-cabs and others by lorry or train.

It was the big day of the year for most of them and their clothes and faces showed it. Each little group was shy at first but as the program went along they loosened up and got friendly. Lots of proud mothers and some fathers sat round the edges and made "bright remarks," each thinking her own child—

The lunch hour with curry and pilau afforded a beautiful sight. It must have looked like "The Feeding of the 5,000," only on a small scale. The green grass, the hedges, the trees and the shining black eyes and hair of those little children framed in head sheets of every hue and color!" They sat down on the green grass in companies and ate their fill."

One of the funniest sights was when a group of them went to wash their dishes. They brought some water from the tap and made some mud from the dust in the road, and scrubbed their plates with it. Then they rinsed them under the tap and wiped them on their head sheets.

After lunch the program was continued with reports, stunts and songs. Miss Peterson's Bible School girls acted a drama which the Juniors thought was wonderful. The prize banner of the year was awarded to Campbellpur for the best all round work. Miss Porter who was moving to Sialkot was given a farewell and was told how very much she would be missed.



Rawalpindi Junior Rally. "They sat down by companies on the green grass."

Juniors rinsing their dishes at the top. Miss Hewitt watching. Mrs. Samuel's house in the background.

At the close it was like a Palestinian shepherd-scene when each leader collected her children, calling them by name out of the crowd and leading them off toward bus and train. Oh, yes, there were a few quarrels and a few sick children, but the college doctor was there and attended to them.

The 12 little delegates from Hasan Abdal, 30 miles away, with an older boy in charge of them, started by bus but for some unknown reason got down at Taxila and walked to our hospital there, instead of coming on to Rawalpindi.

These twelve little lost Juniors found, by Miss Ada Boggs, arrived in time to do their part on the program and also to get a good dinner.

About noon when Nurse Boggs was going home for lunch, she spied their sad little dejected figures patiently waiting for something to happen. Now Miss Boggs has had only one year of language study (though she passed that exam with highest honors) so it took her some little time to understand who they were and what had happened. When their tale was told, her big heart just melted and she took them over to the big road gate and popped them into the first bus that appeared and came along with them to The Rally.

Though they were so late and the program was nearly finished they were given time for their report and their stunt and they had a late but plentiful and delicious dinner that Mrs. Samuel had arranged.

NEGRO DEPARTMENT

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"Rather than hold your attention on the above mentioned facts I want to emphasize the advantages our high school boys and girls of this state have, to receive a higher education and to go out into the world and make better achievements and get better results than their ancestors. This can be done because of the better higher institutions of learning in the state than once was. Alabama has three of the nation's best colleges.

"Talladega College offers courses in Liberal Arts, Sciences, Social Sciences and Music, also physical education; Alabama State Teachers College of Montgomery offers courses in Teachers' Education, Social Sciences, also Liberal Arts; Tuskegee Institute, in addition to offering courses in the above mentioned for the other schools, also offers courses in various vocational branches. These schools have experts who are able to give vocational guidance.

"There are hundreds of high schools all over this state that are giving courses preparatory to college and preparatory to life. We have men and women in these schools who are able to direct students into vocations which seem to fit students.

"No young person should miss the opportunities for self-development and for preparation for life work that are offered in the public schools and colleges to our Negro youth."

A. C. Peoples.

PRIESTS IN TRAINING

Two African Negro priests, Joseph Kiawanuka of Uganda and Ignace Ramarosandratana of Madagascar, have been appointed Bishops of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII. Speaking of this elevation of Negroes by his church, Monsignor Thomas J. McDonnel, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, told a recent convention of diocesan directors that "the church is ever becoming more conscious of the fact that her work will only become effective when she is established upon a permanent basis in each country with her own native clergy ruled by a native hierarchy." According to a statement made at the same convention by the Reverend Joseph M. Lynch, 7,000 Chinese, Japanese, Negro, and other native priests are now carrying on Catholic work in their own countries, and 15,979 others are in seminaries training for similar work.

Literature Department

MRS. A. J. RANDLES, Secretary, 904 Publication Bldg., Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR MAY PROGRAMS:

Sudan — *My Friend the Shulla Woman*, 3c.
Timothy—A Servant of Jesus Christ, 3c.

Egypt — *Christian Homes Among Moslems*, 3c.
A Visit to My Old Home, 3c.
Little Girl Life in Egypt, 2c.

India—*Training Home Makers in India*, 3c.
Women of India (For a picture of the reverse side, try this), 2c.

A NEW STEWARDSHIP LEAFLET:

Omitting the Fourth Stanza, by Mrs. John P. White. If you did not read this article in a late issue of *The United Presbyterian*, we can furnish it in leaflet form at 3c.

OTHER SUPPLIES:

Christianizing the Home. 10c. Order from The United Presbyterian Book Store, or The Literature Department.
Tomorrow's Egypt, Cloth only, $1.00.
Heal the Sick, a pamphlet on medical work in Egypt, 25c.
Map of Egypt, 16"x46", 70c.

PLEASE NOTE:

We had hoped that this anniversary number of the Prayer Cycle might be wholly correct. To our deep regret, there seem to be more errors than usual. Please insert in your copy the following:—On page 7, Sixth Day, *Widows of missionaries, Mrs. D. S. Oyler, Mrs. Ralph Tidrick.* On page 18, Seventeenth Day, under Educational, Gordon College, *Mrs. J. D. Brown.* On page 19, Eighteenth Day, under Sheikhupura, *Miss Helen Artman.* On page 21, Twentieth Day, under Gujranwala, *Girls' Middle School, Mrs. W. H. Merriam.* Also on this page mark the names of *Dr. and Mrs. McConnelee* with an *asterisk.* On page 23, Twenty-Second Day, under Landour, add *Principal, Dr. D. E. Alter and Mrs. D. E. Alter.* To those whose names have been omitted, we humbly apologize.

THE NEW STUDY BOOKS

HOME — Adult — *Uprooted Americans*:—A packet of five pamphlets. "In broken-down jalopies, in trailers and afoot, Americans of all ages have taken to the road. Why are they moving? Where are they going? What are the Churches doing for them?" These five pamphlets discuss these questions.

1. The Genesis of the Exodus, by Benson Y. Landis.
2. Youth on the Highways, by Margaret Weddell Brandon.
3. The Family Pulls Up Stakes, by Grace Sloan Overton.
4. The Church Serving the Migrants, by Ethel Prince Miller.
5. Ministering to Shifting Populations, by Mark A. Dawber.

These five pamphlets, treated as one book, will be on our new Reading Course also.
Ready May 1, 1940. Sold in packets only, 60c.

Helps:

Discussion and Program Suggestions for Adult Groups, Ready June 1.

At Home on the Roads—The photographs in this pamphlet show American migratory groups and the services of the church among them. A valuable supplement for all grades. Ready May 1. 10c.

FOREIGN—Adult — *Dangerous Opportunity*: The Christian Mission in China Today, by Earle H. Ballou.
"An informed interpreter here portrays the background of the

Chinese church, its life and ministry and its courage in the present crisis. The author, long a missionary in North China, presents a clear picture of the history of Christianity among the Chinese and shows the church's part in molding the new China. Ready May 20. Cloth $1.00; paper 60c. This book also will be on the new Reading Course.

Discussion and Program Suggestions on China for Adult Groups, Ready June 1. Paper 25c.

HOME — Girls' Circles — *Move On, Youth*, by T. Otto Nall. On the general theme, Shifting Populations. Ready May 1. Cloth $1.00; paper 60c.

A Course for Leaders, based on above book and the pamphlet series, ready June 1. Paper. 25c.

FOREIGN — Girls' Circles — *Stand By For China*, by Gordon Poteat. Ready March 30. Cloth $1.00; paper 60c.

A Course on China for leaders, based on "Dangerous Opportunity" and "Stand By For China." Ready June 1. Paper 25c.

Bookish Brevities

Five Decades and a Forward Look.
By John R. Mott.
Harpers, $1.50.

This book by Dr. John R. Mott, is at once a history and an autobiography. Dr. Mott traces the history and development of world-wide missions through five decades, and in doing so, reveals his own life story, for he was a part of every new movement.

The story of the Northfield Group, which will always be a challenge to Christian youth opens the history. The Laymen's Movement, the "ill-fated Inter-Church Movement," Depression, Recession all are discussed and the bearing upon missions.

The Madras Conference revealing the strength of the growing church over the world challenges the Christian Church to move forward.

The Christian Alternative to World Chaos.
By Lunan J. Shafer.
Round Table Press. $2.00.

Dr. Shafer sets forth the distressing spectacle of the world of today that has become a "vast enemyhood." He discusses the various forms of government, the conflict between nationalism and Christianity. He suggests a federated world government and believes that the ecumenical church may show the way.

For Better not for Worse.
By Walter Maier.
Concordia Publishing House,
St. Louis, Mo.

This is the fourth printing of this very remarkable volume of 600 pages. In it Dr. Maier brings out the tragedies of unhappy homes, of broken homes and points out the causes that produce them. Basing his arguments on the Word of God, he shows that when marriage is in the Lord, when men and women follow the teaching of God's Word that marriage will be for better and not for worse.

It is a book that mature young people contemplating marriage should read.

More Missionary Stories.
By various authors.
Missionary Education Movement, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Cloth $1.00; paper 50c.

What leader of a young missionary group does not wish for some new and different stories. Here is a book with 30 brand new interesting stories.

People Who Made a Difference.
Friendship Press, 150 Fifth Ave., New York. 25 cents.

Stories of eight people "who made a difference." A Plan Book for Juniors of High School age. Background material all the recent Home Mission books.

The Friendly Missionary.
Friendship Press, 150 Fifth Ave., New York. 25 cents.

Stories and pictures for the tiniest tots. By Nina Miller. Drawings by Sara De Frehn.

From the Zondervan Publishing House, 815 Franklin St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Booklets 10 cents each:
An Hour with Adoniram Judson.
An Hour with David Livingstone.
An Hour with Hudson Taylor.
An Hour with Jonathan Goforth.

Famous Missionaries.
By J. Gilchrist Lawson.
35 cents.

Short sketches of famous missionaries beginning with St. Paul and coming down to modern times.

Tributes

MRS. DAVID W. McNAUGHER

It is with a feeling of deep sorrow that the members of the Women's Missionary and Benevolent Society of the Fourth United Presbyterian Church, North Side record the going home on December 9, 1939 of Mrs. David W. McNaugher.

Mrs. McNaugher had been a member of the society since her marriage in 1900 and for many years, was its recording secretary. She was faithful to her duties and could always be counted on to help in the work of the society.

She has received her "Well done, good and faithful servant" and has entered into the "joy of her Lord."

To her husband, two sons and sister, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Committee.

MRS. G. E. SHAWHAN

The Women's Missionary Society of the Nampa, Idaho, United Presbyterian Church wishes to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. G. E. Shawhan, who was called to her Heavenly Home December 7, 1939.

She was a gifted woman, whose many talents were consecrated to the Master's service.

We shall miss her cordial greeting, her voice in prayer and praise, and her faithful acceptance of every trust committed to her. She was sympathetic, sincere, a devoted mother and loyal friend.

Mrs. Nettie M. Foster,
Mrs. J. C. Adair,
Mrs. Earl M. Patterson,
Mrs. John E. Wakefield.

MRS. CARRIE McDILL
MISS LENA McQUISTON

The Women's Missionary Society of the College Corner, Ohio, United Presbyterian Church wishes to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of Mrs. Carrie McDill who passed away Oct. 15, 1939 and to Miss Lena McQuiston who passed away Nov. 26, 1939.

Mrs. McDill who had been an invalid the past five years was our oldest member in years of service and a charter member of our society.

Miss McQuiston was an active and faithful member and a regular attendant. They will both be greatly missed.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."

Committee.

MISS EMMA URE

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian church of Seattle, Washington, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Miss Emma Ure.

"A beautiful ending to a beautiful life," was heard several times at her funeral service. She loved God's word, God's day and God's House and whenever able, was always found worshipping Him with His people.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the sister and companion of many years' and to others in the family.

Committee:
Mrs. Jordan,
Mrs. Plough,
Mrs. Cook.

MISS MATILDA DICKEY

The members of the Evening Missionary Society of the Bellevue United Presbyterian Church wish to pay loving tribute to a friend and an active member.

Miss Dickey was our president for two years during which time she served our organization with wisdom and faithfulness.

She was called Home June 9, 1939 after a short illness at which time her courage and unselfishness was a testimony to her family, friends and physicians.

To her sister and relatives we extend our tender sympathy and commend them to the Master whom she so generously served.

Mrs. J. E. King
Mary M. Jamieson

MRS. JOHN D. GIBSON

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Greenville, Pa., wish to pay tribute to the beautiful Christian character and faithful service of Mrs. Margaret Wallace Gibson, wife of our former Pastor, Rev. John D. Gibson, who was called to her heavenly home on January 5, 1940.

Her unfaltering faith and devotion to the church and active interest in all its work will remain an inspiration to all who knew her. With this memory we feel that we must carry on, and not fail in the work she loved.

Mrs. Gibson was a faithful and consistent member of the church, interested in all its activities, and always ready to serve in her quiet unassuming manner. She possessed a heart of sympathy and love as well as a keen sense of humor. She endeared herself to old and young alike, and the influence of her Christian life will linger long with us. We of the church and community will miss her greatly, but we are comforted by the thought that she has heard the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant."

She is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters, and it is to them we

extend our sincere sympathy. May they receive comfort, peace and hope through the Savior whom she loved and served.

Committee.

MRS. SARAH CROWE PARKER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Norris Square Church, Phila., pays this tribute of love to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Crowe Parker. Mrs. Parker was the daughter of Rev. James Crowe, D.D., our first Pastor in Norris Square for 49 years.

Mrs. Parker was the first President of our Missionary Society when it was organized over 50 years ago.

Mrs. Parker was in her 86th year. She attended all church meetings until shortly before her death. She remained interested in and had a part in all until the end.

Her passing was quietly beautiful, with her Pastor, Dr. Raymond L. Edie, holding her hand, and in prayer committing her soul unto her God Who gave it. She has entered her heavenly home, she is with her Saviour, and the many loved ones who have gone before.

Mrs. Charles T. Earley,
Mary E. Forsyth,
Committee.

MISS DORA COWDEN

The Women's Missionary Society of Westland Mission, wishes to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of Miss Dora Ella Cowden, who was suddenly called home while being a "Good Samaritan."

In her quite unassuming way she was deeply interested in the church and its work. Our Missionary Society prospered and our lives were enriched by our association with her.

We are thankful for her life of service to her church and to her community and for her wise counsel and friendship. No better words can we say of the departed than to repeat the words used by Florence Nightingale, "I being in the Way, He led me."

Mrs. Frank McMillan,
Mrs. Margaret Kennedy,
Mrs. James Hotchkiss.

MISS DORA BELL COWDEN

The Women's Missionary Society of Venice, Washington Co., Pa., desires to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Miss Dora Bell Cowden who was called home suddenly on September 28, 1939. Adorned with so many of the Christian graces, she led a beautiful life.

About fifty years of her life were spent in teaching young people in the Mission Sabbath Schools of the mining community in which she lived and where she was much loved by them all.

Gifted with a keen intellect, a gentle spirit, a pleasing personality and an abiding trust in her Saviour, she was enabled to impart to these young people, not only a knowledge of the Word of God, but a reverence for it and an interest in the better things of life.

We cherish her memory and are grateful for her years of unselfish devotion and consecration to the work of her Master. We miss her presence but we are richer for having known and associated with her.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the gateway of the eternal, to the sunlight above.
For a thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the place they have blessed with their presence and love."

Mrs. V. L. Cowden,
Mrs. W. L. Hutchison,
Committee.

MRS. EVA BERBERICH LAWRENCE

The women of the Seventh United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pay loving tribute to the memory of their friend and co-worker, Mrs. Eva Berberich Lawrence, who entered into eternal sleep on January 29, 1940.

Active in all branches of Church work, she gave generously of her time and her talents in loving service. As Thank Offering Secretary of the Young Women's Missionary Society she labored both efficiently and faithfully. As Vice President of the Ladies' Bible Class she served both cheerfully and unceasingly. As a Christian leader in general church activities she inspired others to walk in the footsteps of her Lord and Master.

We appreciate the years of friendship which we have had together. Our lives are richer and fuller for her close association. Her love of life, her understanding of humanity, her word of sympathy, her smile of appreciation, her devotion to the Church, and her deep concern with the problems of the kingdom of Christ not only endeared her to us but also engendered lasting bonds of friendship.

To her bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy. May they find comfort and consolation in Him whose peace passeth all our understanding—the peace which the Christ alone can give.

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore."

Mrs. Walter Mellor,
Helen M. Simmen.

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o Amercian Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth L. Ardrey, 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Helen Artman, 1920—Sialkot City
Miss Kathryn Beattie, 1929—Martinpur
Miss Minnie Beatty, 1912—Abbottabad
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Adah P. Boggs, R.N., 1933—Taxila
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918—Sialkot City
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931—Sargodha
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937—Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922—Sialkot City
Miss Lois Buchanan, 1910—Pathankot
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926—Pasrur
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1918—Zafarwal
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1918—Sargodha
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930—Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1933—Lyallpur
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896—Sialkot City
Miss Janette Howland, 1921—Campbellpur
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903—Sangla Hill
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904—Pasrur
Miss Olive Laing, 1912—Rawalpindi
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928—Pathankot
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920—Sargodha
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932—Sialkot City
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1933—Badomali
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931—Jhelum
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902—Jhelum
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1926—Gujranwala
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1933—Sialkot City
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924—Sheikhupura
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930—Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921—Pathankot
Miss Grace N. Ranson, 1936—Sangla Hill
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924—Sangla Hill
Miss Louise Scott, 1916—Gujranwala
Miss Helen C. Sharp, M.D., 1932—Jhelum
Miss Kate E. Spencer, 1918—Sargodha
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921—Pathankot
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1918, 1936—Sargodha
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1922—Zafarwal
Miss Georgia Wengert, 1920—Gurdaspur
Miss Dora B. Whitely, 1911—Pasrur

HONORARY RETIRED MISSIONARIES

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884—1427 Woodward Ave., Orlando, Florida

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Hazel Bennett—1683 Potomac Ave., S. H., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925—Marissa, Ill.
†Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922—5 S. Portland Ave., Ventnor, N. J.
Miss Evva P. Hartig, 1924—Frostburg, Md.

RETIRED

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881—231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897—Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893—Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Mary Lawrence, 1893, c/o Mrs. R. E. Ayers, New Concord, Ohio
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891—Rushville, Ind.
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879—Greenwood, Mo.

EGYPT

Miss Hazel E. Anderson, 1937—Luxor
Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901—Faiyum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934—Assiut
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918—Benha
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905—Assiut
Miss Mary F. Dawson, 1922—Cairo
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926—Faiyum
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919—Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, 1915—Assiut
Miss Elsie French, 1909—Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1922—Assiut
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929—Tanta
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924—Cairo
Miss A. Constance Harper, 1937—Alexandria
*Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899—Assiut
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926—Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921—Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915—Cairo
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901—Cairo
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918—Assiut
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919—Cairo
Miss E. McKibben, R.N., 1924—Tanta
Miss Mabel McMichael, 1937—Tanta
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906—Beni Suef
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923—Cairo
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902—Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924—Minia
Miss Frances Patton, 1922—Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922—Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1933—Cairo
Miss Edna B. Sherriff, 1920—Alexandria
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911—Cairo
Miss Mary M. Stevenson, 1939—Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939—Cairo
Miss Mary L. Thompson, 1917—Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930—Assiut
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904—Mansura
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919—Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913—Luxor
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919—Luxor
Mrs. Margaret J. Work, 1939—Cairo
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904—Assiut
Miss Laura Wright, 1921—Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

*Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911—926 E. 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909—1519—5th Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.
*Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894—121 N. 7th St., Sterling, Kan.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925—Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Alfretta M. Hammond, 1904—State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Lillian McClelland, 1923—445 S. Lake St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916—Sterling, Kansas
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921—1104 Sigsbee St., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Mrs. Rachel Tracy Selver, 1926—7961 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922—523 Vermont Ave., Pittsburgh (16) Pa.
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925—R. D. 5, Mercer, Pa.
†Miss Elizabeth S. White, 1924—2411 Osgood St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
†Miss Ruth M. Williamson, 1924—31 West 3rd St., Greensburg, Pa.
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson, 1932—Lewis, Ia.
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924—Spokane, Wash.

THE SUDAN

Miss Mary E. Cole, 1919—Khartum North
Miss Una Cole, 1918—Khartum North
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., 1939—Khartum
Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912—Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924—Nasir
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926—Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911—Wad Medani
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922—Khartum
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930—Omdurman
Miss Ellen P. Smith, 1933—Omdurman
Miss C. Blanche Soule—Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N.—Khartum North

Attention is again called to the fact that Miss Ellen P. Smith, 1933 is to be in School of Oriental Studies, Cairo, Egypt for some months.

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Isabel Blair, 1922—McKenzie Hall—110 Sherman St., Hartford, Conn.

Lest Leanness Come

"And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."—Ps. 106:15.

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Grant us, O God, that when we pray
Our prayers rise not as those
That wall-like shut away from us
The very God to whom we pray.
Grant that we ask no selfish thing,
Though, knowing narrow needs,
We tempted are to pray for those
And blind are to the good of all.
Teach us to pray unselfishly,
Though our requests to Thee
Must drive us forth to gladly share
The all which to our lives has come.
May neither Greed nor Hate invade
Our hearts before Thee bowed;
May Love and Mercy draw us near
Thy throne, inditing every prayer.

All that we ask amiss, O Lord, withhold—
Lest leanness come into our souls.

(Mrs. C. W.) Elsie Wehling Fulton,
Secretary of Prayer Groups.

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